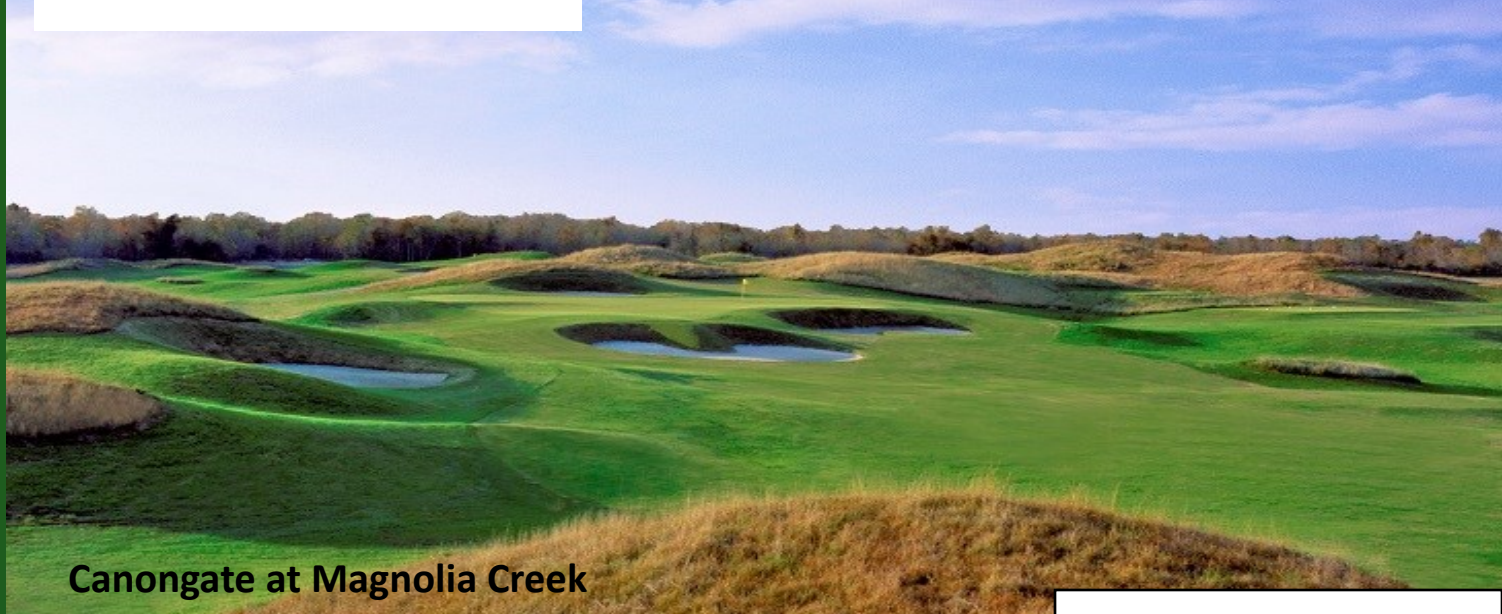


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Canongate at Magnolia Creek

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2. We need each and every one of you that comes to the meetings to take about 5 photos (of your golf group, something fun, the course, anything you'd like!) and send to Marian that night or the next morning to be considered for the next newsletter. If you need to text the photos, just contact Marian for her mobile number.
3. STGCSA is always trying to keep your monthly meeting fees the same without raising cost. If you and your club can accommodate our pricing, we need anyone interested in hosting a meeting to call a board member. We still have a couple openings for 2014 and all of 2015 to fill.
4. If you would like to serve on the Board of Directors, please contact any Board Member. Help your local chapter stay strong!
5. PLEASE DONATE A ROUND OF GOLF TO THE MEMBER GUEST TOURNAMENT!

Meeting Schedule

June 24, 2014 Canongate at Magnolia Creek Chapter Championship
July 28—Member Guest/Guest/ Guest! The Golf Club of Houston— Members Course 12:30 Shotgun Start
August—Supt/Pro (TBA)
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October—TBA
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President's Message: Blayne Sparks

Wow!! I am not exactly sure of what we as Superintendent's did to deserve this, but Mother Nature has not been very kind to us this year. It seems to either be feast or famine with her. Ironically, we are the very one's who try to care for her the most. Hopefully, everyone has weathered the storms and found the silver lining of much needed rain.

It is hard to believe that we are already in the month of June and preparing for the Chapter Championship at Magnolia Creek CC. Hopefully, everyone has had ample time to hone their game in the hopes of ultimately being crowned "2014 Champ" and hoist the traveling trophy. It has been quite a few years since the association had the opportunity to play Magnolia Creek and I am sure that Brent Schilhab will have it in perfect condition.

I would like to thank Ed Martinez and the incredible staff of Deerwood Country Club for their great service and hospitality. Everyone greatly enjoyed the golf course and the time that they had to spend at the facility. Additionally, a very special thanks to Bart Fox of Syngenta for helping to secure the educational portion of the meeting and aiding in the logistics for Dr. Phil Hartman. We as the Board of Director's hope to continue with these strong educational opportunities, but we can always use a little help from the association when it comes to both topics and speakers. So, if anyone has any suggestions, please let one of us know your thoughts. They would be greatly appreciated.

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The Deerwood Club golf results—May 19, 2014

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Thank you Jerry Huntsman for your split the pot donation to STGCSA!

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Gross

1st Place Gross-137

Pat Neuendorff
Braeden Riley
Mike Rhoden

2nd Place Gross-140

Carl Tolbert
Ed Martinez
Richard Oaks

3rd Place - 156

Brian Buckner
Wade Warmes
Tom Werner

Net

1st Place - 128

Kent Knowles
Chris Mrosko
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2nd Place -135

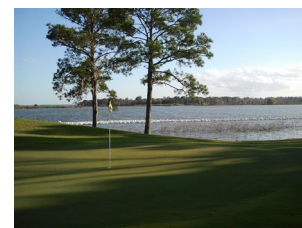
Jason Burgess
Johnny Walker
Chris Webster

3rd Place -136

Ben Fultz
Phil Taylor
Pat Johnston



Hole Contest	
0-12.9 Closest to the pin Jason Burgess	13-36 Closest to the pin *13 Loren Moulder
Closest to the pin Ed Martinez	Closest to the pin *8 John Freeman
Long Drive Braeden Riley	Long Drive John Dailey
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	Harrington, Zach	CTGCSA	
2	Browne, Doug	STGCSA	66
	Browne, Bobby	Non Member	
3	Augillan, John		66
	Chrastecky, Tanner		
4	Pursley AJ	STGCSA	68
	Young, Robert	Greenscapes Methods	
5	Kelly, Jason	CTGCSA	68
	Tippe, Russell	CTGCSA	

Place	Net Winners	Affiliation	Score
1	Windham, Link	John Deere	59
	Wright, David	John Deere	
2	Moore, Michael	CTGCSA	62
	O'Brian, Kyle	CTGCSA	
3	Neuendorff, Pat	Winfield	64
	Wilson, Sean	Winfield	
4	White, Corby	Helena	65
	Ogden, Trevor	Helena	
5	Lane, Cash	CTGCSA	65
	Dillard, Brody	CTGCSA	

Long Drive Winners	Affiliation	Hole
Burns, David	CTGCSA	2
Oldham, Matt	EZGo	14

Closest to the Hole Win-	Affiliation	Hole
Morrisette, Andy	NTGCSA	3
Ogden, Trevor	Helena	6
David Gardener	Non-Member	12
Dillard, Brody	CTGCSA	15



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 1st 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.

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~Winter is gone, but not forgotten, at many golf courses~

A record-setting winter in some parts of the country will mean longer-than usual recovery times this spring for many golf courses and the superintendents who manage them

One sure sign of spring is the return of golfers to their local links. But in many parts of the country, when those golfers tee it up, they are likely to find more than a few reminders of the long, cold winter that just concluded. From parts of the Upper Midwest to the Northeast and in areas as far south as Texas and the Carolinas, the winter of 2013-2014 was one of the longest, coldest and most severe in memory. And according to golf course superintendents and turf grass researchers who have been monitoring conditions with great concern, golfers getting in their first swings of the season are likely to get an up-close-and-personal look at the damage. "I spoke with a superintendent the other day who has been in his current position for 22 years, and in the industry longer than that, and he thought this was the worst winter since the late 1970s, something like 40 years," says Kevin Frank, Ph.D., an associate professor in turf grass science at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich. "Winter injury isn't uncommon on golf courses in many parts of the country, but it might normally be just a handful of courses that are affected. This year, it will likely be just a handful that aren't affected." "At a local superintendent meeting we just had, a climatologist from Michigan State told us that this was the worst winter in 100 years," said Steve Cook, Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS) at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. "It was just so far out of the norm, even for those of us in this part of the country. "So what made this winter so unusual and problematic for golf course turf grass? Primarily, it was the unusual mix of snow, ice and long stretches of below-average temperatures that created the recipe for trouble. And depending on where you were in the country, the impact was felt to varying degrees. More southern climates may have largely escaped the heavy snow and sub-zero temperatures, but winter still took its toll, most notably when an ice storm felled the famed Eisenhower Tree at Augusta National, site of last week's Masters Tournament. More broadly, golf courses featuring warm-season turf grasses such as Bermuda grass or zoysia grass that were exposed to unusually long periods of near-freezing temperatures may be slow to take shape this spring. In the Upper Midwest and Northeast, that winter recipe created even more significant issues. The most notable troublemaker, according to Frank, was ice that took up residence on golf course turf and refused to leave, choking off oxygen that turf counts on to survive winter. "In some places, there was constant ice cover for a period of 60-70 days. And talking to superintendents, you'll hear a range of depths on that ice cover, anywhere from a half inch upwards to 4 inches. That's something I haven't seen here in my 15 years here." Frank says. "Combine that with the heavy snowfall, and it created a situation that was pretty much beyond the control of any turf manager. There just aren't many options when you have that much ice-covered by 2 feet of snow. "What will golfers see once that snow and ice finally gives way to spring in those areas of the country? There will likely be areas of turf grass that simply didn't survive the winter, an occurrence superintendents refer to as winterkill. So bare spots on greens, tees, fairways and in roughs will not be uncommon. Golf courses might also be facing disease pressures because of the long winter, most notably snow molds that could be thriving despite the fact that most superintendents preventatively treat their golf course before winter sets in. As spring begins to take a firmer hold, superintendents and their teams will be taking active steps to repair any damage left behind by this unusual winter. In cases where snow mold is present, spot fungicide treatments can be expected. And golfers can also expect to see plenty of spring seeding of areas impacted by winterkill, whether those are bent grass or annual bluegrass greens. "One of the first questions I've been asking superintendents is, 'Do you have enough seed?' "Frank says. "Bent grass seed is going to be a hot commodity for golf courses this spring. I think golfers can expect to see some temporary greens out there, maybe some greens that are half playable and half roped off until they can get some new growth. That's what superintendents do; they grow grass. So I expect them to get everything in great shape eventually. It just might take a little longer than after a normal winter. "One final tool in helping repair the damage left behind by the brutal winter of 2013-2014, at least according to Cook: Open lines of communications between golfers and superintendents. "I really think one of the most valuable things you can do in situations like this is to just talk to your members, talk to you golfers," Cook says. "Just let them know what is going on with your golf course and what steps you and your team are taking to address any issues," he explained. "I think Trey Rogers with Michigan State said it best - we just need to relax and see what happens. It's going to take some patience by turf grass managers, some babysitting. We'll pull out all the stops, but at the end of the day, it just takes time."

Spring 2014 Course Conditions

The winter of 2013-2014 will certainly be remembered in many parts of the South for temperature extremes, winter storms and extended periods of ice and snow coverage. Unfortunately, it will also likely be remembered for creating very difficult Bermuda grass growing conditions during the spring. During our travels in the Southeast and South Central regions, we have seen a significant amount of winter related damage to Bermuda grass. The damage we have seen is widespread and has affected courses of every type in the region. Only time will tell if this damage is temporary or permanent in nature. Temporary damage will result in slower "green up" and area coverage, while permanent damage could require replacement of turf. We strongly encourage golfers and club members to be patient and supportive of your golf course superintendents. There are many agronomic practices and tools that can be utilized to help turf recover, but until the weather fully cooperates and enough time passes, it is unlikely that playing conditions will reach their full potential. Your superintendent is very likely considering practices that may disrupt playing conditions, limit traffic access or require additional resources. Again, your support and patience is essential during this time. The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America is committed to providing our members with support and educational resources during this difficult time. We encourage you to speak with your golf course superintendent if you have any questions regarding your course's condition and recovery process.

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About Brent

Born in Kingwood Texas and living there until the age of 10, my family and I picked up and moved to Thousand Oaks California. I spent the growing up years of my life on the beaches of Southern California until I graduated from High School. Growing up in my house there was one guideline I had to live by: I could go to any school in the country but there was only one where I could go to that my dad would pay for. So off I went to College Station, Home of the Fightin' Texas Aggies! I spent the better half of my freshmen and sophomore year bouncing from major to major starting in Journalism, moving to biomedical sciences, then to Kinesiology. The natural progression of it all landed me in Agronomy with an emphasis in Turfgrass Management. I graduated in 2005 and received an offer to work as the 1st Assistant at Royal Oaks CC (Dallas). Two years later my wife and I learned that in nine months our family would grow, so I started the job hunt around the Houston area to be closer to our family. That ultimately landed me at Lochinvar Golf Club where I was able to kick back and relax with the Bent grass in Houston. After that "vacation" I was off to The Woodlands Country Club- Palmer Course. Two years later, in 2008, our company purchased a links-style golf course on the South side of town. By this time my daughter was about to start at a school near the property so I asked to be moved down to Magnolia Creek GC as the Assistant. In 2010 I became the Superintendent at MAG and have enjoyed my time here ever since.

I'm looking forward to being able to host this event for our chapter. I hope to see all of you out here.

Regards,

Brent Schilhab

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To Sod, Or Not To Sod – That Is The Question

By Chris Hartwiger, senior agronomist, Southeast Region
April 29, 2014



(L) Winter Injury on bermudagrass approach – The brown bermudagrass in this approach to the putting green was injured by subzero temperatures experienced this winter. (R) Live rhizomes under injured approach – Beneath the surface, live rhizomes (recovery points) are present and growing toward the surface.

“To sod, or not to sod?” That is the question numerous golf course superintendents with cold-temperature winter injury on bermudagrass fairways and tees are being asked by golfers in the northern portion of the transition zone. It’s a good question to ask, and this update will answer it with two pictures of an injured area taken from different perspectives.

View 1: The surface. In this photo, there is minimal greenup on this bermudagrass approach following subzero temperatures this winter. Notice the straight line that separates healthy turf from injured turf. The green turf is healthy because the putting green cover extended slightly onto the approach.

View 2: Subsurface. In this image, rhizomes are white (meaning they are alive) and will eventually break the surface and generate new leaf tissue. Does this course have the patience to wait for natural recovery or is it more expedient to sod the area now?

Unfortunately, there is no boilerplate answer to this dilemma. A site-by-site analysis is necessary to make an appropriate judgment as to whether the best option is to remove the injured turf and resod the area or let it grow in naturally. Each situation varies, even among areas on the same golf course.

USGA Southeast Region agronomists will be working with numerous golf facilities over the next few weeks on this issue. We will provide a written report of our analysis and assist in the development of site-specific recommendations. If you would like to discuss winter-injury concerns or schedule a USGA Course Consulting Service visit, please contact Chris Hartwiger (chartwiger@usga.org) or Patrick O’Brien (patobrien@usga.org).



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Action Alert: Request an extension for Clean Water Act proposed rule

The EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers has proposed a rule that would expand Clean Water Act jurisdiction to almost all waters in the United States. The rule was published in the Federal Register April 21, and there is a 90-day comment period until July 21, 2014. Please help GCSAA ask EPA and the Corps to extend the comment deadline another 90 days.

**Golf course maintenance safety videos available in Spanish and English**

McCord Golf Services and Safety completed its library of 12 golf course maintenance safety-training videos in Spanish and English.

Mickey McCord, CGCS, developed the videos that educate superintendents, turf managers and grounds personnel on workplace safety.

“Having all of our videos available in Spanish and English is key to our efforts of enabling safety training and compliance at golf courses across the country,” McCord says. “We are pleased to have reached this goal.”



The safety videos address hazard communication, including required training for the new OSHA Globally Harmonized System and Labelling of Chemicals and material safety data sheet (MSDS) and safety data sheet (SDS) changes. The videos – priced at \$300 for 12 months – also address proper chainsaw use, hearing and eye protection, appropriate lifting techniques, safe mower operation, fire prevention and more. The online videos range from 10 to 18 minutes.

“Workplace safety training is important in all industries, but especially for golf course maintenance crew members who work with power tools, large mowers and pesticides in all types of environmental conditions,” McCord says. “Training and education help protect workers and can also increase productivity, reduce expenses and promote a positive culture within the crew.”

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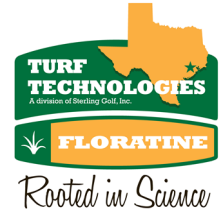
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