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River Ridge Golf Club

Spring.....or is it?

With the spring comes a very busy time for STGCSA. Dues must be in by tomorrow! (March 1, 2015) in order to be published in the directory. The reason for this? It takes a whole lot of time to get that book together and fitting correctly for the printer! If you are not sure about being current on your dues, just email the office.

March also means we have a lot of preparation for our Annual Scholarship Tournament and Live Auction. Bill Freeman will again be joining us to sell our items at top dollar! But, as always, there are some really good deals at the auction as well!!! Make sure you come out and support the auction, even if you can't golf. We again have tried something new this year. We love going to High Meadow Ranch of course, and Cody Spivey and Casey Wade are wonderful hosts. But, just for a change, Todd Stephens has agreed to support our tournament at Tour 18. As always this is a huge attraction, so get your RSVP in early. Now is a good time to get your auction donation in to Marian so she can make sure your company is well represented. Waiting til the last minute causes confusion at the auction and on the item lists. So PLEASE, get your donation now!! We couldn't do it without you!!

Meeting Schedule

March 24, 2015
River Ridge GC

April 14, 2015—Scholarship
Tournament
Tour 18

May 19, 2015
Texas City Golf Course

June 16, 2015
The Wilderness Golf Club
Chapter Championship

July—No Meeting

August—Supt/Pro-Member/
Member Tournament
Sugar Creek CC

September—No Meeting

Register Now for Any Meeting!

President's Message: Ben Fultz



I'd like to take this opportunity to talk to our members about a foundation that STGCSA Board of Directors has decided to continue supporting. The PSTD (Post Traumatic Distress Disorder) Foundation of America provides hope and healing for the unseen wounds of war. Camp Hope provides interim housing for our Wounded Warriors, veterans and their families suffering from combat related PTSD in a caring and positive environment.

We as a organization have a opportunity to help some of veterans in need. Blayne Sparks has reached out to the staff of Camp Hope, the same organization that STGCSA donated the golf cart to at Christmas. Blayne has asked the organizers of Camp Hope if they would like a sustainable garden to help with the veterans that are living there. I believe that this would be a great benefit and provide a sort of therapy for those that live there. With the help of Jack Hargrove Construction donating equipment, and Sue Rinehart-Warren of Rinehart Trucking donating material for the garden and Clint Neely of Harrell's donating fertilizer we can help these veterans grow their own vegetables and give them something that they can take pride in. This will be a donation that keeps on giving.

We are looking for any volunteers that would like to help with the garden set-up or any kind of donations that would help us proceed with the project. Who knows, the project could inspire one of the veterans to go in to the landscape business or the golf business. This is a win-win no matter how you look at it, and we are proud to support our veterans in any way we can.

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Golf Results

January 26, 2015—Golfcrest Country Club

Host: Carter Hindes

Thank you, Carter Hindes and Tim Phillips
for hosting the first meeting of 2015.

Everyone had a great time!



Gross:

1st 59

Kevin Borowski
Braeden Riley
Gary Hargrove

2nd 61

Brian Johnson
Kent Knowles
Chris Webster

3rd 63

Cody Spivey
Nick Gerber
Jackie Smith

Net:

1st 54

Terry Gill
Jesus Polio
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2nd 55

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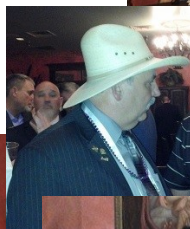
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Fun Photos from the Lone Star GCSA Reception in San

“All were good, **but the stand out might have been the Lone Star.** A lot of familiar faces, a lot of introductions, and best of all, a lot of invitations to visit golf courses. Of course... That may have been the Hurricanes talking!”, said Seth Jones of GolfDom Magazine about the parties at the GIS.





[Click Here to Register](#)



River Ridge Golf Club—March 24, 2015

Host: Bret Barclay

Registration: 9-10 am

Education: 10 am

Lunch/Range: 11-12 pm

Shot Gun Start: 12:00 pm

Format: 2 man best ball (one best ball gross and one best ball net)

Speaker: Casey Reynolds (TAMU)

A Lil' Bit About River Ridge Golf Club

Est. 1998. Designed and built by Jay Riviere, River Ridge is a Public facility with private ownership. It has 27 holes set in old growth Pecan bottom on the West Bank of the Brazos River. Bret Barclay the superintendent and past STGCSA Board Member is a native of the Houston area. He was the Asst. supt. at Oak Hills in San Antonio and the Supt. at Memorial Park before doing the grow in at River Ridge. Glen Noska, the Assistant Supt. at River Ridge is from Columbus, TX and worked as a mechanic at Weston Lakes from 1987-1998 (surviving the Johnny Walker years there with many colorful stories!) and hired on at River Ridge as mechanic before being promoted to asst. supt. in 2004. "We have a great crew and great ownership and feel lucky to be hanging in there in a tough golf economy. We're honored to host STGCSA's March meeting!" says Bret.



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Nominations are now being accepted for this program, designed to honor the best and brightest golf course equipment technicians in the industry, the men and women who play such a key role in keeping the tools of golf course maintenance up and running.

The nominations will be narrowed to a field of three finalists by a team of industry judges. GCM readers will then be able to review the resumes and qualifications of the finalists and vote online for their favorite. The winner of the MVT contest will then be announced in the August issue of the magazine.

To nominate your turf technician, submit your nomination by March 27.

Be sure to check back in April to vote for the finalists!

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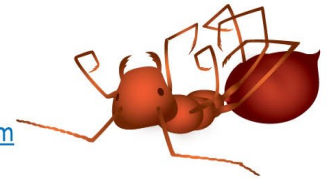


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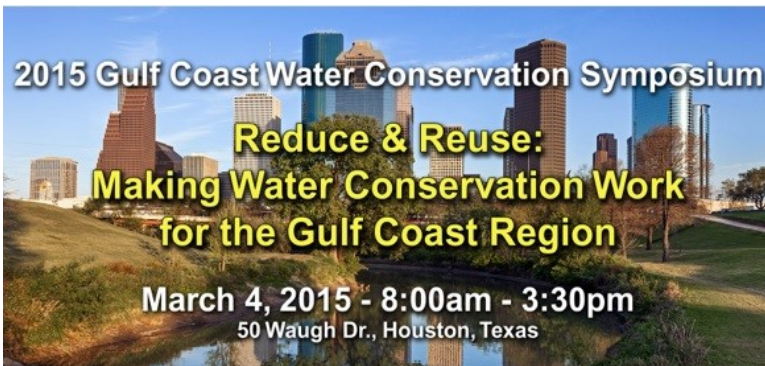
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