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The Deerwood Club

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The first auction for Rounds 4 Research is June 9—22 and your friends and family can bid at www.biddingforgoods.com. This is a great way to get golf rounds for a great price! There are rounds from all over the country for those traveling this summer. Help raise money to better our industry!

Lone Star GCSA Water Conservation BMP plan for Golf Courses

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Gratitude, thankfulness, gratefulness, and appreciation is exactly what I feel toward every single person I work for. Thank you so much for thinking of me at the tournament and raising so much money to help my family get through this tough time. Cancer is no fun and I know some of you have had experience with it as well and know that without a good support system, it is twice as tough to deal with. There is no words that can express enough, how much each and every one of you mean to me and Jerry. It has been a very long 5 months and I believe I am finished with the uphill battle and am on the downhill to recovery. I could not have made it through this without the support of the Board Of Directors, who have done a magnificent job of taking over this year and getting things done. I am hoping to be at the remainder of the meetings and look forward to thanking each and every one of you in person for your prayers and support.

Thank you, again. From the bottom of my heart. *Marian*

Meeting Schedule

May 5, 2014

Lone Star GCSA Texas Cup
Horseshoe Bay Resort
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May 19, 2014

The Deerwood Club

June 24, 2014

Canongate at Magnolia Creek
Chapter Championship

July—Member Guest/Guest/Guest!

TBA

August

Supt/Pro/Member/Member Tournament

[Register Now for Any Meeting!](#)

President's Message: Blayne Sparks

Well, it looks like the weather is finally turning in our favor, and it is about time. I'm sure by now everyone has had enough of the cool weather and ready for the grass to get moving in the right direction.

The Scholarship Tournament & Fundraiser was a great success this year, bringing in approximately \$24,000 in just over an hour. This is the largest amount of money ever raised at this event. Thank You! As always, a great deal of thanks goes out to all of those who participated and donated items to the auction block. These funds will certainly help to further the educations of many deserving individuals and lessen the financial stress associated with higher education.

The Mulligan's for Marian was also a huge success, raising almost \$1400 for her treatments. As I am writing this President's message, I have just been informed that Marian has been given a clean bill of health and is now cancer free. I would like to thank Carl Tolbert for donating his 50/50 winnings back to such a deserving person that has helped to make this association as strong as it is. I know everyone has been concerned for Marian, so this news could not be better. Once again, a very special thanks goes out to Cody Spivey, Jeff Kuder and all of the staff at High Meadow Ranch for setting up another great event. The STGCSA has become quite accustomed to being spoiled with great food, golf and the laid back atmosphere that High Meadow Ranch provides.

Our upcoming event will be the May meeting to be hosted at Deerwood Country Club and provide another great educational opportunity. Bart Fox of Syngenta was kind enough to make arrangements with Dr. Phil Hartman of the University of Florida. He will be discussing "Diseases Affecting Bermudagrass Greens" and I am sure that we can all afford to have a little more education on the topics that define our professional careers. I know that Ed will have the golf course in great shape and I am looking forward to another well supported event. Hope to see all of you there.

Blayne C. Sparks



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Scholarship Tournament golf results—March 25, 2014

Thank you, Cody Spivey for another great year at High Meadow Ranch! We couldn't do it without your support!



Gross

First Place - 56

Kevin Borowski, Braeden Riley, Jason Harsh, Mark Baughman

Second Place - 57 - scorecard playoff Doug Browne, Bobby Browne, S. Smith, B. Burschell

Third Place - 57

Jeff Kuder, Danny Vaughn, M. Cook, E. Geiger

Fourth Place - 58

Johnny Walker, Kelly Manos, Larry Clark, Ricky Lackey

Net

First Place - 46

Kyle Brown, Scott Olsen, Richard Alcaraz, Robin

Kremen

Second Place - 47.5

Danny Bancroft, David Gray, Sean Spretz,

Third Place - 47.75 - scorecard playoff Blake Kercheval, Rick Luber, Teddy Martin, Kody Key

Fourth Place - 47.75

Clint Neely, Brian Buckner, Chris Lineberger, Dale Bowman

Random Draw Winners

Curtis Bruton, Steve Byington, Jon Odonnell, John Pollock

Pat Johnston, Richard Kane, Jesus Polio, Junior



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#6 - CTP 2nd shot Steven "Scuba" Chernosky

#7 - CTP 2nd shot John Stark

#10 - Long Drive Dan Vaughn

#11 - CTP Richard Alcaraz (Hole in One)

#12 - CTP 2nd shot Rikki Lackey

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#14 - CTP 2nd shot Eric Geiger

#15 - CTP 2nd shot Blayne Sparks

#16 CTP Dan Vaughn



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Schedule of Events

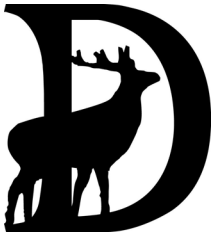
	10:30 am	Registration Starts-Range Open
		11:30 AM Lunch
12:45 pm	Registration Closes-Range Closes, Players Meeting, Announcements	
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	5:30 pm	Scoring and Food/Drinks

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If you would like to be featured in Tee To Green, please email a short biography along with 3-4 photos for our section, "Member Profiles"



May 19, 2014—The Deerwood Club

Host: Ed Martinez

The original golf course was built in 1960 by renowned golf course architect, George Cobb. During the 1970's, Deerwood was put on the map by being home to several Greater Jacksonville Opens, the predecessor for today's THE PLAYERS Championship (TPC). The entire golf facility underwent a comprehensive renovation in 2004 with a new design by award-winning golf course architect, Brian Silva. The Par 72 course has five sets of tees ranging from 5,463 yards from the reds to 7,223 yards from the championship tees making this course beginner-friendly yet also challenging to the expert golfer. The pace of play is four hours and fifteen minutes for all 18 holes.

Registration begins at 9, Meeting at 10

Lunch at 11 and Golf at 12:30 (you must arrive by 10:15 to golf)

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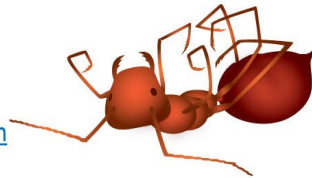


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Attention all Members!

Started in 2013: if you win money at a golf event, the money must be picked up within two meetings after the prize was won or the money will be donated to the scholarship fund. This change is due to the tournament committee having to keep up with winnings for extended periods of time, sometimes over a year. Winners are posted online within a few days of the event so you can determine if you have prizes waiting for you well before the next event.

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Thank you for your understanding!

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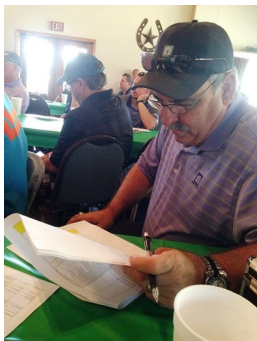
Annual Scholarship Tournament and Live Auction at High Meadow Ranch

The final numbers are not in, but it looks like South Texas GCSA members outdid themselves this year and raised more than ever! According to preliminary records over 23,000!!

Well done! Thank you to all that donated!!

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Cody Spivey	High Meadow Ranch



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.

For the Full Scholarship Criteria and Application, visit www.stgcsa.org

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Important product compliance deadline: Existing stocks of all fenamiphos products prohibited after Oct. 6, 2014

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Turf students: Apply for the GCSAA Scholars Program

The GCSAA Scholars Competition is accepting applications through June 1. This program available to undergraduate turf management students who have completed a minimum of 24 hours. These scholarships range from \$500 to \$6,000. Applicants must be enrolled in a recognized undergraduate program in a major field related to turf management, have completed at least 24 credit hours or the equivalent of one year of full-time study in the appropriate major, and be a member of GCSAA.

Selection criteria for this program includes academic excellence, work experience, extracurricular activities and potential to become a leading professional in the golf course management industry.

The annual deadline is June 1. [Apply now.](#)



It is an exciting time of year. Spring is here and GCSAA is rolling out several new government relations programs. This e-mail is to make sure you are aware of the programs and also highlight the important role you play in the success of the programs moving forward.

GCSAA Grassroots Ambassadors – July will see the official launch of the GCSAA Grassroots Network. Within the larger Network, we are looking for 535 GCSAA members (Class A, SM, C) to serve as GCSAA Grassroots Ambassadors. Our Ambassadors will be paired with a Member of Congress. We will educate and train our Ambassadors to build positive, proactive relationships with their Members of Congress. We want to make sure our elected officials understand and appreciate the golf course management profession and make decisions that protect golf facilities. Learn more about GCSAA Grassroots Ambassadors at <http://cgrcengage.com/gcsaa/Ambassadors>.

Recruitment Survey – Tomorrow afternoon, a short recruitment survey will be sent to all Class A, SM and C members via a letter from Government Relations Committee chair and co-chair Pete Grass, CGCS, and Darren Davis, CGCS. Through the survey, we are hoping to identify potential Ambassadors – those with an interest in government relations or who have existing relationships with Members of Congress or want to work with Government Relations staff to build lawmaker relationships. [Please encourage your chapter members to complete the short survey and also let us know who you think might make good candidates.](#)

GCSAA Grassroots Ambassador Recruitment Standing Operating Procedure -- [We will need your help in the future vetting potential Ambassadors.](#) [The attached SOP](#) explains how we will use you to provide on the ground intelligence as part of the Ambassador vetting process.

GCSAA Government Relations Online – Government Relations Online launched last week. Your chapter members now have quick and easy access to critical and relevant advocacy and compliance information and resources in one location. To preview the site, visit <http://cgrcengage.com/gcsaa/>.

Greens & Grassroots e-newsletter – Tomorrow morning, we launch *Greens & Grassroots*, our new monthly government relations e-newsletter. This publication can be a great resource for you to populate your chapter website or newsletter. Please make sure to sign up for the e-newsletter at <http://cgrcengage.com/gcsaa/app/register?2&m=18360>.

We welcome your feedback and questions on the programs listed above. Please feel free to pass this information along to your chapter newsletter editors or other interested parties. We look forward to working closely with you over the next few years to complete our Ambassador roster.

All the best,

Chava McKeel, GCSAA, Associate Director, Government Relations

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The Texas Alliance of Recreational Organizations (TARO) is hosting an allied association event at Sugar Creek Country Club on Tuesday, August 6th. We're hoping to attract pros, superintendents, club managers and club/board members to the event, which will feature Jim Moore from the USGA and a legislative update from TARO lobbyist, Gib Lewis. Following the education program, we'll have a casual lunch and a golf outing for those interested. In lieu of a registration fee, we're asking for all attendees to make a voluntary contribution to TARO PAC.

The following link offers information to the event as well as a link to online registration - <http://www.txaro.org/default.aspx?p=v35EvtView&ID=3796434&type=0&ssid=298963&qfilter=ALL&noreset=yes>

I have another allied association golf outing that I'm working on as well, which will be at The Club at Carlton Woods-Fazio Course on Tuesday, September 16th. I'll send that information to you as soon as I have the details ironed out.

Best regards,

Sam B. Brewster

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Remembering René Niño

René Niño, owner of Resource Laboratories, LLC suddenly passed away at his home on March 10, 2014 in Conroe, TX. René was born April 10, 1949, in San Antonio, TX.



René married Virginia and moved to The Woodlands in 1982, 32 years ago. René started Resource Labs in 1994 has been a member of STGCSEA since 1997. As everyone knew, René and Virginia were business partners and ran Resource Labs together. In 2011 Lee Gravett joined the Resource Labs team and eventually took over the sales side of business. Virginia has always been very proud of René's great success in business. He achieved this with hard & honest work which his valued and loyal customers appreciated. Resource Labs grew from a fledgling company to a thriving business that later became the authorized Master Turf Distributor for Huma Gro Fertilizer. In 2004, the Niño's formed a real-estate company called Birddog Investments which still continues. René was known for his laughter, his funny stories & joke telling. René enjoyed playing golf and listening to his music. His family and friends had the distinct privilege of losing their hearing during his many concerts. René & Virginia raised many four legged "children" and their house was a giant bundle of love and fur balls. To say René loved his furry family is an understatement. He doted on them and they in turn, absolutely adored him! He is survived by his wife Virginia Hasewinkle-Niño and little pooches, Toots and Frankie, his crazy cats, Dino and Hogan, plus many other family members.

No words can express our appreciation to everyone for their care, compassion, support and prayers during this difficult time. We (Virginia & Lee) are very heartbroken, however the business will continue to grow; those were our dreams and René's passion. René will live on through Resource Laboratories. I am deeply grateful for the kind words & wonderful stories you've shared with me. Please keep René in your prayers.

With warmest regards

Virginia Niño

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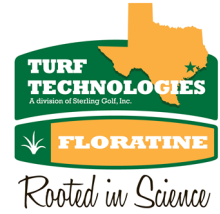


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