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Meeting Schedule

October 14—Past Presidents Lunch
Riverbend Country Club
10 am

November 4, 2014
Cypress Lakes GC
Annual Meeting-Toy Drive

December 12, 2014
Christmas Social and Scholarship Awards
Braeburn Country Club
6:30—10 pm

January 14, 2-15
Pesticide Renewal Class at Bear Creek Extension Office

January 26, 2014
Golfcrest CC - Bring your GM or Greens Committee Chairman!
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February 25, 2015
Lone Star Reception at the Golf Industry Show in San Antonio
Pat O'Briens on the Riverwalk
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Where has the time gone?

With only 3 months until 2015 is upon us, we have a lot to do in that time! October brings us together for a wonderful lunch with those who made our association possible. Please try to come! It is an experience getting to chat with some of our longest and most important members like Jim Holub and Tom Leonard and Ray Kubesch!

November 4th will be a meeting packed with “to do’s”! We have to vote on a new proposed by law change as well as the incoming board of directors for 2015. We also will read the nominations and vote on the Sonny DuBose Award for a deserving member of our association to be recognized by the membership for his/her outstanding accomplishments throughout the year.

The Sonny DuBose award was named after STGCSA founder and long time Superintendent, L.W. (Sonny) DuBose. Get your nomination in by writing a short letter to the STGCSA Board of Directors.

The Christmas “get together” was moved back to December and will be held on the 12th. We will get together to hand our annual scholarships to those students who applied and qualified for the award. Note: The new scholarship rules state; 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.



**November 4, 2014
Cypress Lakes Golf Course
Annual Meeting**

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Past President, Sean Wilson, CGCS to represent STGCSA at the Chapter Delegates Meeting October 14–16th



Chapter Delegates Meeting purpose

The Chapter Delegates Meeting is an event that brings together representatives from GCSAA-affiliated chapters. Delegates carry the opinions of their chapters' members regarding initiatives and issues affecting the profession, the association and its members to this meeting. In addition, they are responsible for communicating information they receive at the meeting to their chapter. Finally, this meeting is also the beginning of a new election year, as delegates meet GCSAA board candidates and discuss their campaign platforms.

According to Section IV.G. of the Affiliation Agreement, "A Chapter representative shall attend the annual Chapter Delegates meeting unless otherwise approved by the Chapter Relations Committee. If an affiliated chapter fails to send a representative, who is a member of the chapter, to the Chapter Delegates Meeting for two consecutive years, the chapter delegate's right to vote at the next annual meeting shall be suspended. A letter will be sent to all eligible voting members of the chapter, notifying them that their chapter lost its privilege to vote on behalf of its members at the annual meeting."

Sean Wilson has been STGCSA's delegate for six years and we thank him for his time and effort on behalf of our
chapter!

During the upcoming Chapter Delegates Meeting on Oct. 15-16, the GCSAA Board of Directors will be discussing the creation of an Equipment Manager membership classification with the chapter delegates.

Superintendents, assistants and equipment managers are vitally important to any successful golf course maintenance operation. Following recent discussions between the Board of Directors of GCSAA and the International Golf Course Equipment Managers Association (IGCEMA), the consensus was that GCSAA is in a strong position to provide ongoing education, professional development and networking opportunities for the men and women responsible for maintaining the equipment and managing the golf course maintenance facility.

One key element of GCSAA's mission is to serve its members, and we believe one way of doing that is by strengthening our ties with golf course equipment managers. By building upon what has already been accomplished by the IGCEMA, the creation of specific education and professional development opportunities focused on equipment maintenance and regulatory compliance would be a definite win-win for all facilities.

Equipment managers, as well as other golf course staff, are currently classified as GCSAA Associate members. The creation of a separate classification of membership for Equipment Managers and the development of additional educational offerings reinforce GCSAA's commitment and belief that a well-rounded and high-functioning maintenance operation is crucial to the success of any and all golf course facilities.

Be sure to watch for additional information following the delegates meeting or check with your chapter delegate upon his/her return.

Condolences STGCSA Past President 1973: John Biddy

John Biddy was born in Lampasas, Texas. He began his career as a golf course superintendent in 1964. John and his wife Elender traveled to several country clubs in Texas and called them home. They were at Austin Country Club, then spent the majority of John's career at Lakeside Country Club in Houston. John finished his career at Rockport Country Club and retired in 1996. Following retirement the Biddy's moved to Edna to enjoy family and the local wildlife and country music. John was a member of STGCSA for over 40 years and was President of the association in 1973. John Biddy passed away on March 15, 2014 after a battle with Parkinson's disease. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.



Announcement on Namacur

September 25, 2014, GCSAA was contacted by the EPA to let us know that GCSAA's request for the extension of the fenamiphos (Namacur) end-use date has been granted until Oct. 6, 2017. We have been given a three-year extension of use of existing Namacur stocks. Namacur is used to control the major genera of nematodes attacking turfgrass. This includes root knot, root lesions, sting, lance and ring nematodes. The EPA plans to publish a notice in the Federal Register on the extension next week. We greatly appreciate the EPA's understanding of the needs of our industry.

While this extension is on a national level, we know that many advocacy-related issues are regional and local in nature. So, it is not just the GCSAA representatives or chapters leaders who are championing industry issues. Outcomes such as this one would be impossible without an engaged membership playing a vital role.

We have often called on you to spread the news to members about Action Alerts or other issues, and earlier this year GCSAA introduced the Grassroots Ambassadors program. This program is designed to establish a network of volunteers to build strong, one-on-one relationships with each member of Congress. Please encourage your chapter members to participate in these important leadership roles. They can learn more by visiting the government relations area of the [GCSAA website](#) or contact [Chava McKeel](#), associate director, government.

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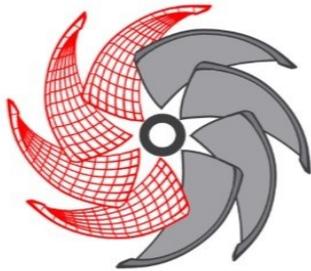
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Congratulations

Congratulations to member David Tennant and wife Christy on their new baby girl, Sadie Claire Tennant, born on July 30, 2014!



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 Christmas Social**

6:30—10:00 (come any time)

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Supt/Pro-Member/Member Golf Results

August 19, 2014 Galveston Country Club

Host: Jeff Smelser, CGCS

Supt/Pro Division Gross

First Place	Martinez/Martin	67
Second Place	Browne/Schroeder	69
Third Place	Fultz/Munday	73
Other Scores	Brown/Olsen	74/71
	Spivey/Wade	74/74
	Hines/Smith	76/72
	Gill/Vinson	77/73
	Sparks/Stark	77/74
	Huntsman/Dees	77/72
	Warms/Moran	78/74
	Rhoden/Lopez	78/71
	Klene/Marti	79/76

Member/Member Division Gross

First Place	Webster/Johnston	71
Second Place	Hargrove/Polin	72
Third Place	Riley/Borowski	73
Other Scores	Wilson/Barclay	74/71
	Glover/Phillips/Bowman	78/69
	Ratcliff/Mrosko	80/74
	Cloud/Baughman	82/73
	Hargrove/Elliott	84/74
	Takushi/Rizzo	84/75
	Vaughn/Lyles	86/79
	Cole/Brown	91/81
	White/Smith	92/81
	Tolbert/Knowles	WD

Supt/Pro Division Net

First Place	Morgan/Polzin	66
Second Place	Burgess/Borow	66
Third Place	Smelser/StGermain	69

Member/Member Division Net

First Place	Werner/Key	66
Second Place	Plowman/Walker	67
Third Place	Cook/Klosterboer	68

Proximity Winners

#1
Long drive Pro only-Doug Borow

#2
Closest to pin amateur-Kody Key

#3
Closest to pin 2nd shot amateur
Mike Rhoden

#4
Closest to pin 2nd shot amateur
Mark Baughman

#5
Longest putt made amateur
Travis Klosterboer

#6
Long drive in fairway amateur
Carter Hindes

#7
Closest to pin 2nd shot Pro only
-Dan Thelen

#8
Closest to pin Pro only-Casey
Wade

#9
Closest to pin 2nd shot Pro only
Ryan Polzin

#10
Closest to pin 2nd shot amateur
Dennis R. Klene Jr.

#11
Closest to pin amateur
Kody Key

#12
Long drive in fairway amateur
Kody Key

#13
Longest putt made Pro only
Donnie St. Germain

#14
Longest putt made amateur-Eric
Glover

#15
Closest to pin 2nd shot Pro only-
Casey Wade

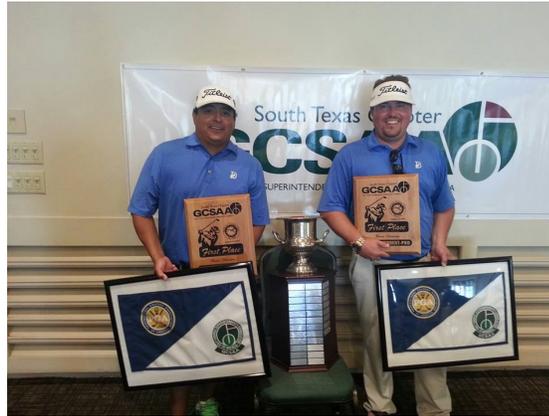
#16
Closest to pin 2nd shot amateur-
Wade Warms

#17
Closest to pin Pro only-Casey
Wade

#18
Closest to pin 2nd shot amateur
Mark Baughman



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Back to Back Winners, Ed Martinez and Heath Martin



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ASGCA releases Pace of Play information,
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Founded in 1946 by 14 leading architects, the American Society of Golf Course Architects is a non-profit organization comprised of experienced golf course designers located throughout the United States and Canada. Members have completed a rigorous two-year long application process that includes the peer review of four representative golf courses

The American Society of Golf Course Architects has produced “Pace of Play: Checklist & Tips for Working with your Course Architect.” The one-page flyer – created in cooperation with the United States Golf Association – illustrates the numerous ways ASGCA members assist in positively impacting pace of play at golf facilities through design.

The flyer identifies five basic ingredients that contribute to getting courses to move faster and smoother: player abilities; course management; set-up; maintenance and turf conditions; and course design. The goal of the pace of play initiative is to create an even flow of golfers as they play the game, minimizing waiting times and creating a more enjoyable experience.

“That this sheet is so full, and addresses so many aspects of play, points to how much design impacts a well-run facility,” ASGCA President Lee Schmidt said. “I’m glad the USGA is concentrating on this important issue. The clients of ASGCA members will benefit as they see the information and service offerings available from our members.”

The flyer was developed by the ASGCA Pace of Play Committee, led by members Jeff Blume, ASGCA; Tripp Davis, ASGCA; and Forrest Richardson, ASGCA. Information was reviewed by ASGCA members at the 68th Annual Meeting this past spring in Tulsa, Oklahoma, then reviewed by the USGA.

ASGCA members are uniquely qualified to assist course owners and operators with pace-of-play improvement, while also preserving the spirit of the game, making sure courses offer the fun and challenging aspects to encourage golfers to come back.

“Pace of Play: Checklist & Tips for Working with your Course Architect” flyer is available for free download from the Publications section of the ASGCA website, www.asgca.org/publications

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Water issues in golf to be studied in national survey of superintendents.



The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) will seek data from superintendents regarding water use and conservation practices to compare golf's current landscape to information collected in a survey conducted eight years ago.

The study, which will continue collecting data nationwide through 2017 on five key topics, is sponsored by the U.S. Golf Association and the Environmental Institute for Golf (EIFG).

The Golf Course Environmental Profile survey program will be administered by Mark Johnson, associate director of environmental programs for GCSAA, under the umbrella of the EIFG, GCSAA's philanthropic organization. To collect the data, an in-depth questionnaire will be sent electronically to superintendents at nearly 15,000 facilities.

[Click here for more information](#)

Read About STGCSA member Bob Cook—a 95-Percenter!

At his golf course in Humble, Texas, GCSAA Class A superintendent Bob Cook can show you ways that he is a 95-percenter.

Cook can point to the bunker renovation that has, and will, save energy and money for Walden on Lake Houston Country Club. More recently, Cook planned to install a new pump station this month that will replace the previous one, which is more than 30 years old.

“We have become more energy efficient. We are saving water. It’s our responsibility,” says Cook, a 26-year member of GCSAA.

As GCSAA prepares to launch Phase II — the second set of surveys — of its Golf Course Environmental Profile (GCEP) this fall, Cook falls into the high percentage of superintendents who participated in — and perhaps became inspired by — the inaugural GCEP that began eight years ago. He was among the 95 percent who indicated they had made at least one improvement in environmental protection in the previous 10 years.

[Read more about Bob Cook and the GCSAA survey here!](#)



At Walden on Lake Houston CC, superintendent Bob Cook initiated a bunker renovation to reduce energy use and expenses.
Photo courtesy of Bob Cook

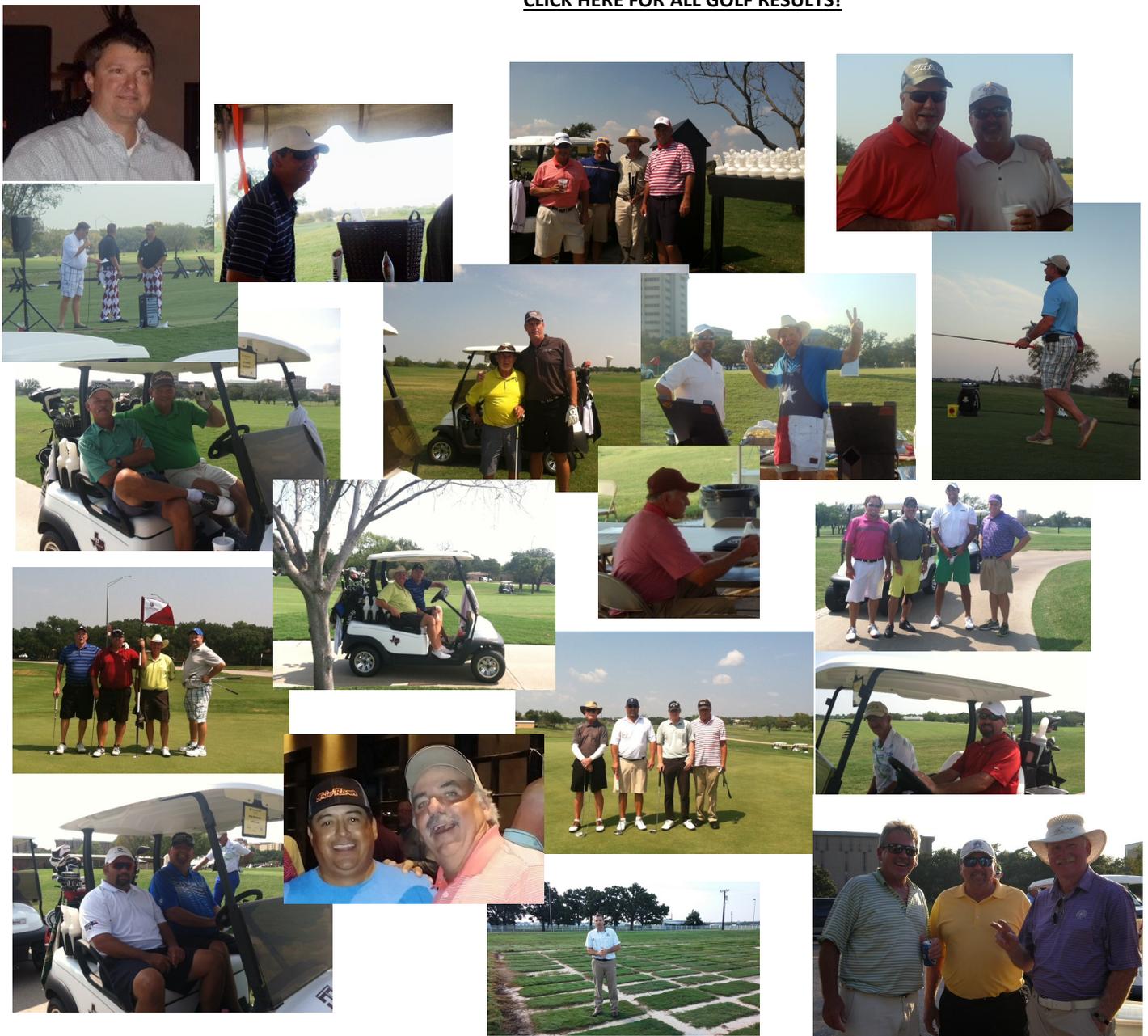
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THE CAMPUS COURSE TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY

The Annual Lone Star Texas Trophy held at The Campus Course at Texas A&M University on September 21, 22, and 23rd was a huge success with 122 players for the Sunday mixer. South Texas was the host of the event with member Steven Chernosky in charge of the course that was in spectacular shape. Carter Hindes of Sterling Golf Management set the event up for us and did a fantastic job of representing STGCSA and Rick Kahlich and his crew in the pro shop did a great job! Central Texas ended up taking the trophy from us in the end, but a good time was had by all! Tanner Chrasteky of CTGCSA won the long drive as well as the overall championship. A great day for him! South Texas's Ed Martinez came in second and Doug Browne was first place championship net division. STGCSA also had a first place 2nd flight by Mike Rhoden and a first place Affiliate Division by David Tennant. Ameriturf's Brent Ratcliff, Chris Mrosko, Cameron Mcdermid and Jordon Droll sponsored STGCSA's Sunday dinner with an awesome fish fry. The tournament couldn't have gone so smoothly without the help of Doug Browne, Johnny Walker, Ken Gorzycki and Terry Gill. Behind the scenes was also help from Ricky Heine and Brian Cloud. The Education class at the turf plots was attended by 35 participants and we thank all the turf students and professors including Ben Wherley for having us!

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Component life spans can vary depending upon location of the golf course, quality of materials, original installation and past maintenance practices. The American Society of Golf Course Architects (ASGCA) encourages golf course leaders to work with an ASGCA member, superintendents and others to assess their course's components.

ITEM	YEARS
Greens (1)	15 – 30 years
Bunker Sand	5 – 7 years
Irrigation System	10 – 30 years
Irrigation Control System	10 – 15 years
Pump Station	15 – 20 years
Cart Paths – asphalt (2)	5 – 10 years (or longer)
Cart Paths – concrete	15 – 30 years (or longer)
Practice Range Tees	5 – 10 years
Tees	15 – 20 years
Corrugated Metal Pipes	15 – 30 years
Bunker Drainage Pipes (3)	5 – 10 years
Mulch	1 – 3 years
Grass (4)	Varies

NOTES: (1) Several factors can weigh into the decision to replace greens: accumulation of layers on the surface of the original construction, the desire to convert to new grasses and response to changes in the game from an architectural standpoint (like the interaction between green speed and hole locations). (2) Assumes on-going maintenance beginning 1 - 2 years after installation. (3) Typically replaced because the sand is being changed – while the machinery is there to change sand, it's often a good time to replace the drainage pipes as well. (4) As new grasses enter the marketplace – for example, those that are more drought and disease tolerant — replanting may be appropriate, depending upon the site.



“See Who's New and See Who's Moved”

Welcome Back, Cory Smith, Account Manager for Sunstate Equipment

RJC Martinez Owner PMT Service, LLC (Pump Mechanical Technical Services)

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