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Online: [LSGCSA Reservations](http://LSGCSA Reservations)



### EDUCATION

GCSAA Accredited Educational Program will be held on Monday, September 28th

10:00 AM to 11:30 AM at The Highlands (Behind the hotel)

Must RSVP

## Texas Golf Course BMP Plan – TEMPLATE

Lone Star GCSA has become active in developing/modifying a template for each Texas golf course to develop their own set of Best Management Practices (BMP). The most attractive model we have found for our use was developed by the University of Georgia for the Georgia GCSA several years ago. LSGCSA has received approval from the author to modify the Georgia document for use in Texas.

So what is a BMP? By definition, BEST is based on the most current science available, MANAGEMENT is to determine what is needed for each specific site, and PRACTICE is an implemented procedure that is ongoing and repeatable.

And why do we need a BMP plan? A BMP plan demonstrates professionalism and expertise. It also is a way to take credit for all the good things you already do. It identifies opportunities to improve your performance and validates your profession’s message that we are good stewards of the environment.

Simply put, there are two methods of adopting BMPs.

Mandated Regulations – This method is very rigid, it is typically done without your input, there is little room for negotiation and is a “one size fits all” approach.

Develop Your Own BMPs – This method provides for flexibility within the industry, is self-administered and is site specific.

There is Little Doubt Which We Would Prefer! We need to all plan to get on board with this initiative. Ideally, we can develop an online template for courses to develop their own BMP plan.

Go to the Lone Star GCSA website at : [www.lsgcsa.org](http://www.lsgcsa.org) and click on “BMP Plan” on the home page!

**Any STGCSA member who turns their plan in to the office by December 31, 2015 will receive up to a \$65.00 free meeting fee!**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This year has been one for the books as we all go from flooding to a drought in the span of a couple months. These types of weather patterns will test anyone's patience. With that being said, we have had a good year on the fore front of helping out our Veterans. We have started on the garden at Camp Hope. This is turning out to be a great project. We will be able to help the veterans on how to plant and grow their own vegetables. We will be starting on the fall plantings soon, and are looking for anyone that would like to come out and help. If you would like any kind of information on when our next meeting up at Camp Hope will be, just get in touch with any board member and we will gladly get you the date and location.



We have our Annual meeting coming up and it is one of our biggest meetings of the year. It is also one of the most important meetings of the year. During the annual meeting we vote on bylaw changes and vote for officers and the board of directors. We also vote on the Superintendent of the year award. I have really enjoyed my time on the board and encourage any one that is interested in running for the board to do so. If you have any questions about what is involved with serving, please reach out to anyone on the board and we will gladly answer any questions you may have. It really does not take much of your time.

The Christmas party will soon be here and is a great time for you to come out and be a part of the festivities. We will announce the winner of the Top 10, and give away some really nice door prizes. I hope to see everyone there.

Don't forget that our CEU meeting will be in January at our regular location (Bear Creek Extension Office). This is a great time to knock out all the CEU's you need for your pesticide license. We will have the dates soon, and will post information as it comes available.

*Ben Fultz—President STGCSA*

## Meeting Schedule

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

October 5—Annual Meeting and Past Presidents Lunch: The Golf Club of Houston

November 9—Glow Ball Tournament—Riverbend Country Club

December—Christmas Reception (TBA)

January (TBA), 2016—Pesticide License Renewal Class at Bear Creek

January 26, 2016—First Meeting of the year! Stephen F Austin GC

### **GOLF INDUSTRY SHOW**

**February 6-11, 2016—San Diego, CA**

Lone Star GCSA Reception—February 10, 2016 Bootlegger, Plates & Pours from 7—11 pm

For more details on any meeting above go to:

[www.stgcsa.org](http://www.stgcsa.org)

All job listings are posted on our

Website: [www.stgcsa.org](http://www.stgcsa.org)

**Welcome new members**

## Running for Executive Board 2016

There are 2 Board of Director Seats Open for 2016. If you are interested in running, please contact the office or a current Board Member. We would love to have you!



Running for President, Cody Spivey of High Meadow Ranch GC

It has been an honor to serve on the STGCSA board the last five years. Each year brings new challenges and goals and I would like to help our association meet those going forward. I would appreciate the opportunity to continue this service for the year to come



Running for Vice President: Chris Lineberger, Superintendent at Sugar Creek CC.

I served as Secretary/Treasurer of the MAGCSA prior to coming to Texas. I have sound knowledge of financials and managing funds. I enjoyed spending the last 4 years on the STGCSA board and am currently the treasurer on the Lone Star Board.

# Candidates for STGCSA Board of Directors— 2016



Running for Treasurer: Kyle Brown of Bay Oaks Country Club

I have enjoyed giving my time back to our association over the last two years and would appreciate the opportunity to continue in our efforts of providing education and fellowship through the position of Treasurer. Thank you.



Returning Board of Director: Rodney Crow of Battleground Golf Club.

I would like to stay on the STGCSA Board because I have enjoyed the camaraderie among my fellow superintendents. My Board service has allowed me to contribute and give back to the association that has supported me and made me feel like a part of their family.



Returning Board of Director: Jerry Huntsman

This is my 19<sup>th</sup> year as a member of the STGCSAA. I have enjoyed every year since 1996. I am in the position to give back to the association by serving on the board, and look forward to another term next year



Returning Board of Director: Willy Plowman of Willow Fork CC

I am proud to be a part of STGCSA and thankful that I have had the experience of serving on the BOD and know given a second opportunity to serve. Looking back at our past leadership-I have to say it's quite an honor to join them once again and continue in building this chapter into one of the finest.



Returning Board of Director: Wade Warm, CGCS

I look forward to serving my second year of my term on the Board of Directors. It is always rewarding to serve and to help Marian keep this association running. I hope to see some new faces eager to run for Board service this year!



Returning Affiliate Board Member: Brandon Cole,

Dear Members, I want to thank each and everyone of you for continuing to grow our association. I have been a board member for 6 years now and every year we continue to exceed our expectations. Last year, we kick started a annual Golf Cart and Toy Drive donation, and this make me very proud to serve the STGCSA!



Returning Affiliate Director: Mark Baughman of AMC Industries

It's been my pleasure to be a member of STGCSA since 1992. I have enjoyed the relationships developed in that time. Would enjoy being part of the Board of Directors again. It has been a rewarding experience.



Returning in the affiliate position: Chris Webster of Helena Chemical

First most I am honored to serve the board in 2015. I wish to continue in 2016 because the STGCSA is a great organization and I am proud to donate my time.



Sitting in the Past President's chair is Ben Fultz, Superintendent at Valley Crest at Wildcat GC.

"I have been on the Board for four years and enjoy being able to help. Being the president in 2015 was a great experience."



### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications can be found on the home page of the website.

[www.stgcsa.org](http://www.stgcsa.org)

Application deadline is:

September 1, 2015

Official Transcript deadline is:

October 1, 2015



A Message from Member Dale Bowman on the Texas Turfgrass Association

We have been a supporter of the Texas Turfgrass Association for many years and have enjoyed the people and education. The Texas Turfgrass Association was established in 1947 and for more than 68 years the dedicated focus is on providing research, education, networking and professional development for its members.

The Texas Turfgrass Association has two conferences each year, one in the summer and one in the winter. These conferences are a great time to visit other members and supporting vendors for the Turfgrass Industry. These conferences also give opportunities to earn continuing education points for other professional organizations including: GCSAA, STMA and TDA, SPCS Pesticide Licenses as well as an opportunity to participate in the certified professional turf manager (CPTM) program.

We would like to encourage everyone to join, thank the vendors for their support, and help spread the good word about the Texas Turfgrass Association in the coming years.

Dale Bowman-Owner, Pumps Motors & Controls

*Texas Turfgrass Association—Contact: Shirley Duble, Executive Director*

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Quote of the month:

The number of shots taken by an opponent who is out of sight is equal to the square root of the sum of the number of curses heard plus the number of swishes. ~Michael Green, The Art of Coarse Golf, 1975



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Member/Member  
Golf Tournament Results  
August 10, 2015

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Zach Vinson

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Sean Wilson  
Ken Fathergill

3<sup>rd</sup> - 69  
James Harvey  
Jose Moran

**Gross**

**Mbr/Mbr Division**

1<sup>st</sup> - 66  
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Phillip Littlefield

2<sup>nd</sup> - 73  
Kody Key  
Kent Knowles

3<sup>rd</sup> - 73  
Chris Webter  
Brian Johnson

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Ryan Pozin

2<sup>nd</sup> - 67  
Aaron Cox  
David Brock

3<sup>rd</sup> - 67.2  
Carter Hindes  
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Eric Glover

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Brent Ratcliff

3<sup>rd</sup> - 70.9  
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**October 5, 2015**

*The Golf Club of Houston  
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9:30 am: Registration

10-11 am: Annual Meeting

*(Introduction of All Past Presidents, Voting of 2016 Board of Directors,*

*Voting of Sonny DuBose Award Recipient )*

11-12 pm: Lunch/Range is Open

12:00 pm: Shotgun Start

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Don't forget to sign up your equipment manager for this limited opportunity to enjoy full, complimentary membership in 2015. In February, GCSAA members approved the new membership classification, and equipment managers can now take advantage of benefits and resources available to GCSAA members, including new education opportunities tailored specifically for equipment managers.

**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 [www.gcsaa.org/member-get-a-member](http://www.gcsaa.org/member-get-a-member).

**Rounds 4 Research June auction raises more than \$112,500 for turfgrass studies**

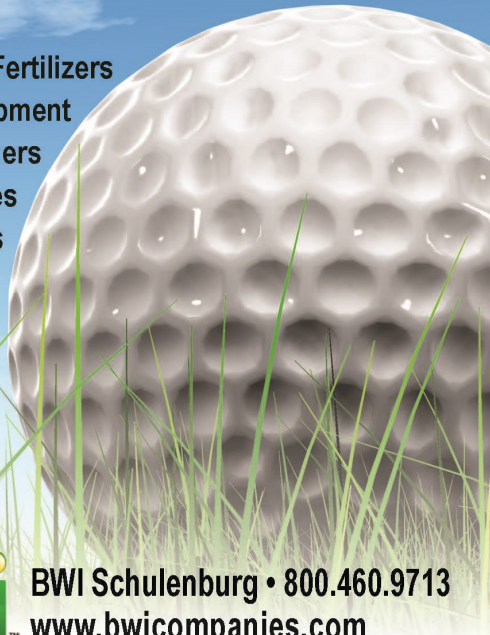


National program has raised more than \$400,000 since 2012 Lawrence, Kan. (July 7, 2015) - The 2015 Rounds 4 Research fundraising program to support turfgrass studies, managed by the Environmental Institute For Golf (EIFG), sold more than 670 rounds and yielded more than \$112,500 in its June online auction. The EIFG is the philanthropic organization of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

The Carolinas Golf Course Superintendents Association, with more than \$22,000 raised, was the leader among more than 50 fundraising partners that donated rounds to support turfgrass research at the local level. The top bid was \$3,435 for a two-night stay and eight rounds of golf offered by Bandon Dunes Resort in Bandon, Ore.; while the high bid for a tee time for four golfers was \$1,720 for the chance to play at Somerset Hills Country Club in Bernardsville, N.J., a famed A.W. Tillinghast course and host of the 1990 Curtis Cup Match.

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The South Texas Chapter of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America is pleased to inform you of our seventh annual Sonny Dubose Memorial Distinguished Service Award. Our Association wants to recognize a Superintendent whose accomplishments have been outstanding for their facility over the year.

Recognition is what the Sonny Dubose Award is all about, letting someone know their hard work and dedication is appreciated. Anyone (superintendent or vendor) who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the golf course management profession and the success of the STGCSA should be nominated. Still, a superintendent who has had an outstanding year deserves to be and should be nominated for the award. By adding a distinguished service aspect to it, we will hopefully increase nominations and be able to recognize more of those deserving members. Contact any past winner of the award or a STGCSA board member to submit a nomination.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and please send any submissions to: [stgcsa@stgcsa.org](mailto:stgcsa@stgcsa.org) or hand to a Board member.



From Left to Right: Randy Samoff (2010), Terry Gill (2008), Steven Chernosky (2012), Doug Browne (2011), Johnny Walker (2009), George Cincotta (2013), George Manuel (2014)