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—Make sure you RSVP for the October 27th Annual Meeting and Past Presidents Lunch at Cypress Lakes! Reach out to a past president you may know, and invite him! Lunch is on the house!

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## Bud White, CPAG, Bud White Golf Solutions, Inc.

Thank you for taking the time to read Field Notes, a monthly update of happenings in our industry with timely, short and concise notes. These notes are intended to help keep you abreast of changes, unusual activities, management tips, etc. in the turfgrass industry.

I was visiting a course last week where the superintendent and I were looking at Localized Dry Spots (LDS). The superintendent was venting cleanups and the areas of LDS – a great practice by the way, and one you can do as much as you like on bent or bermuda. The aerator ‘bounced’ a little on the LDS mound, and it occurred to me that we rarely talk about how hard LDS gets – the conversation is usually just about how dry they get.

The hardness produced as part of the dryness and hydrophobicity is just as much a negative factor in the resistance to wetting as is the hydrophobic, organic coating in the layer. If your profile is layered more than desired or if the upper 1-2 inches is more organic than sand dilution, the hardness is magnified to an even greater degree.

Does this really matter in the way I recommend treating LDS? Yes, because it makes a world of difference. Needle tining is the normal method of ‘venting’ in the summer and, as mentioned above, venting LDS and cleanups is a great practice during stress if time does not allow the entire green to be vented. Air or water blasting is also a great approach. However, you should occasionally hollow core aerate with the ¼” side eject tines to counteract some of the hardness produced in the dry areas. Remember, wetting agents alone do not treat this problem, but the surface tension must first be broken so the wetting agent/ water can get directly into the upper profile.

Our summer is producing some significant LDS now and many courses went into summer with a little less root development due to the significant amounts of rain and cloudy days experienced this spring and early summer. Utilize the small side eject tines regularly for better LDS management. There is no golfer disruption, especially when only the problem areas are treated.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Cody Spivey—President STGCSA*



For those that thought we may never see dry weather again...here you go! One of the joys of our job and South Texas is we are usually going to deal with a little bit of everything as we maneuver from one season of the year to the next! We are quickly approaching my favorite seasons of the year football and hunting...or some call it Fall. Fall also means we are fixing to go from high gear to higher gear as we prepare our courses to withstand one of our busiest times of year along with the upcoming winter.

Hopefully everyone will set aside a little time to enjoy some of the major events coming up in the next few months. We will be teeing it up at Willowfork before you know it for the Annual Superintendent/Pro September 12th. Shortly after, we travel to Amarillo for our Annual Texas Trophy hosted by West Texas Chapter September 25th-27th. I hope to be part of a great turnout from South Texas as this year has special meaning to our chapter as we vie for the Harry Yewens Medalist Trophy- RIP Harry.

Our Annual meeting is set for October 17th at Cypress Lakes GC. We will have a full day as we will be hosting the past presidents for lunch, voting on by-law changes, board members, and Sonny Dubose Award nominations and showing tenure appreciation for those hitting certain milestones. All of this before we go tee it up with host Wade Warms! We are still seeking members interested in serving STGCSA as we do have open board positions to fill. Please contact any board member with questions or interest.

Details on the Christmas Party, Scholarship Awards Banquet and 2017 events schedule will be coming soon. We have a few changes on the timing of these events we are working on, as we are always striving to improve on our events.

## Meeting Schedule

September 12, 2016  
Supt/Pro Tournament  
Willow Fork CC  
9:30 am shotgun start!

September 25, 26, 27—Lone Star Texas Trophy –Amarillo CC/Ross Rogers Golf Complex

October 17—Annual Meeting and Past Presidents Lunch: Cypress Lakes GC

November 7—Magnolia Creek Golf Club

December—Scholarship Awards Dinner (TBA)

December—Christmas Party(TBA)

January (TBA), 2017—Pesticide License Renewal Class at Bear Creek

### **GOLF INDUSTRY SHOW**

**February 4-9, 2017—Orlando, FL**

Lone Star GCSA Reception—February 8, 2017 Location: The Pub

For more details on any meeting above go to: [www.stgcsa.org](http://www.stgcsa.org)

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**Welcome new members**

## Running for Executive Board 2017

There are 2 Board of Director Seats Open for 2017. If you are interested in running, please contact the office or a current Board Member. We would love to have you!



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

It has been an honor to serve on the STGCSA board the last six years. I look forward to the challenges the new year will bring. I would like the opportunity to help this association obtain its goals.



Running for Vice President: Kyle Brown of Bay Oaks Country Club

I am happy to run for Vice President of our fine organization. The past three years on the board has been a good experience and I look forward to continuing to serve our organization. Thank you.



# Candidates for STGCSA Board of Directors— 2016



Running for Secretary/  
Treasurer: Jerry Huntsman

I will be finishing my first 2 year  
commitment on the STGCSAA

Board of Directors at the end of this year. I would like  
your support in allowing me to continue to serve as  
your representative on the best superintendent chap-  
ter in the land. I look forward to a great 2017-18.



Running for Secretary/Treasurer: Rodney  
Crow of Battleground Golf Club.

I would like to continue to serve on the  
Board. it has given me a chance to give  
back to the membership . I have enjoyed  
engaging and getting to know my fellow  
members, and being involved with my fellow board  
members. I would like to continue to help grow our  
association, and make it the strongest chapter.

Running for Board of Director: David Gray of  
Ravens Nest Golf Club

My name is David Gray I would like to serve as a  
Board Member for the 2017-2018 year. I would  
like to see STGCSA stay just as strong as it is,  
and has been for many years. Thank you for this  
opportunity.



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 experi-  
ence of serving on the BOD and  
know given a second opportunity to  
serve. Looking back at our past leader-  
ship-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 am happy to serve the  
second term of my board service in  
2017. This association has meant a great  
deal to me over the past 20 years. The  
relationships and friends I have made

through STGCSA are invaluable to me. I look forward  
to helping continue to make our association one of  
the best!



Running Affiliate Board Member: Bran-  
don Cole with Salsco

Dear Members, I want to thank each and  
everyone of you for continuing to grow our  
association. I have been a board member for  
8 years now and every year we continue to  
exceed our expectations. This marks the 3rd year in a row I've  
been in charge of refurbishing in donating a golf cart to a  
needy charity. I would live to continue to serve STGCSA.



Returning Affiliate Director: Mark  
Baughman with Ewing Irrigation

It's been my pleasure to serve on  
the STGCSA board as an affiliate  
for the last several years. Would be  
pleased to be on the board again.

Running in the affiliate position: Dale Bowman

I enjoy the game and the people in this industry  
and have been working in the golf course indus-  
try for over 35 years. I always welcome the op-  
portunity to support our local organization and  
look forward to giving my best in helping  
out. It's something I take pride in and hope that  
pride will help us in our effort to improve the  
organization.



Sitting in the Past President's chair is  
Cody Spivey

Thank you for the opportunity to  
serve as your president in 2016.



### **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

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

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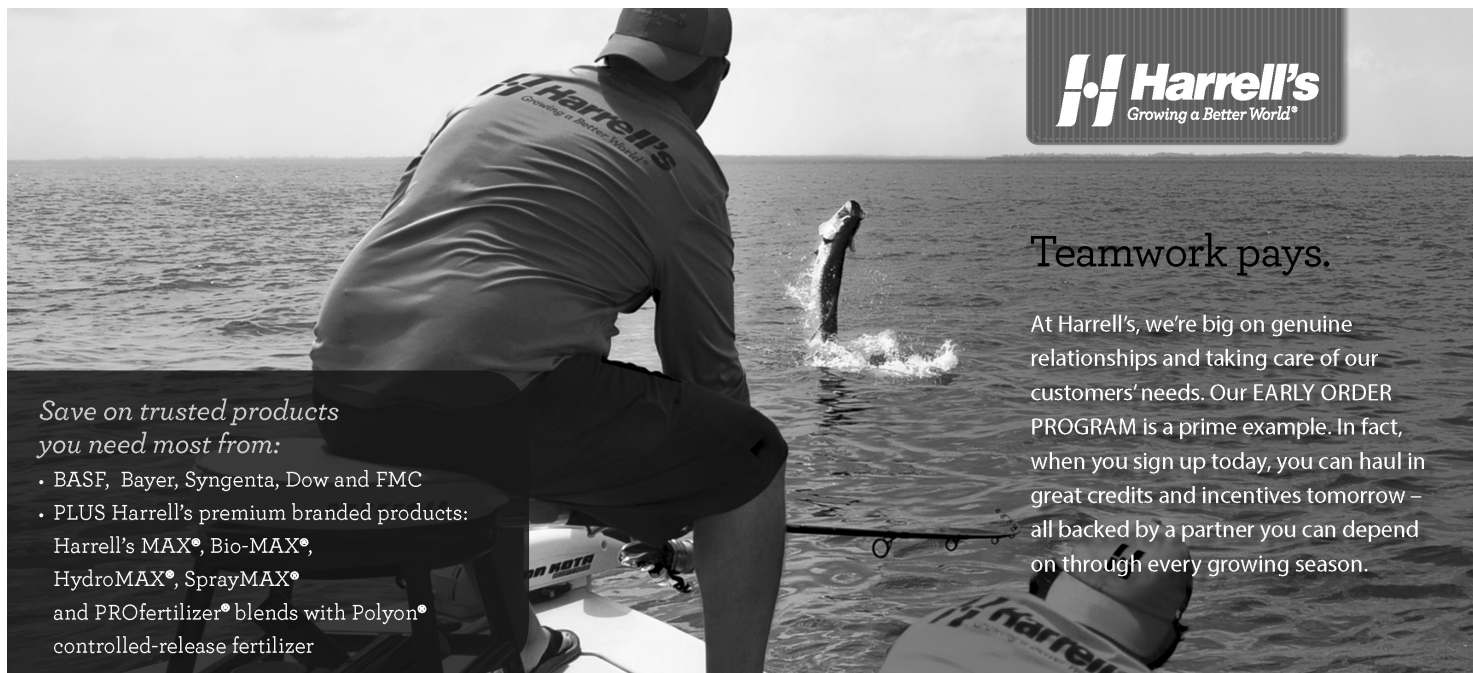


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## STGCSA—Change in bylaws

The 2016 Affiliation Agreement Task Group (AATG) met recently to discuss changes to the current affiliation agreement with GCSAA chapters based on the outcomes of 2016 GCSAA Annual Meeting in San Diego. As you may recall, the membership voted to change the SM membership classification to B, and changed the definition of GCSAA Class A to be more inclusive. The AATG’s discussions surrounded existing membership classification compliance language that all chapters have to reflect in their chapter bylaws. The recommendations brought forward by the AATG and accepted by the GCSAA Board of Directors will be discussed in detail during the 2016 Chapter Delegates Meeting. That meeting will be held Oct. 11-13 at GCSAA Headquarters. In the meantime, the task group requested that chapter leaders and executives receive communication regarding this matter prior to the Chapter Delegates Meeting.

What does this mean for our chapter? In order to remain affiliated with GCSAA, we will need to amend our bylaws by December 31, 2017.

**As stated now:**

SEC. 4. Class SM – Golf Course Superintendent Members shall be any person of good character who at the time of application for membership are employed as a Golf Course Superintendent but are not a Class A member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

**Proposed Change 2016:**

SEC. 4. Class B - shall be any person of good character who at the time of application for membership are employed as a Golf Course Superintendent but are not a Class A member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. A Superintendent with less than 3 years’ experience

**As stated now:**

SEC. 1 The conduct of affairs of the association shall be vested in the Board of Directors consisting of twelve (12) members, Past President, President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and six (6) Directors, and three (3) affiliates in a non-voting capacity. A majority of the voting members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee (Past President, President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer) shall be Class A Superintendents or Superintendent Members of the GCSAA. Up to two (2) Director Positions may be left vacant in a given year by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**Proposed change for 2016:**

SEC. 1 The conduct of affairs of the association shall be vested in the Board of Directors consisting of twelve (12) members, Past President, President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and six (6) Directors, and three (3) affiliates in a non-voting capacity. A majority of the voting members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee (Past President, President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer) shall be Class A or B Superintendents of the GCSAA and actively employed as a golf course superintendent. Up to two (2) Director Positions may be left vacant in a given year by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**Proposed Addition:** Dual Membership Requirement:

All Class A and B membership applicants must submit an application for membership or evidence of membership with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and must maintain that membership thereafter.





A Message from Member Dale Bowman on the Texas Turfgrass Association

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Here are a few photos of the meetings and the Rodeo, where you can look at equipment and test them.



By: Dale Bowman:  
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## *IN case you missed it.....*

*From the August 2016 issue of GCM magazine:*

### CLEVERLY DONE

Superintendent Neil Cleverly seems to have been the right person at the right time to oversee the course that will host Olympic golf for the first time in more than a century.

Howard Richman

Neil Cleverly brings new meaning to “traveling light.”

A London native and 17-year GCSAA member, Cleverly took what for him amounted to a rare and lengthy break from his job to attend the 2015 Golf Industry Show in San Antonio. He carried a suitcase for the journey, but he didn't need to worry about incurring an extra charge from the airline for an overweight bag. After losing nearly 50 pounds, Cleverly was toting an empty suitcase. He figured his GIS trip would be an opportunity to mix business and shopping so he could buy new clothes.

“People were telling me I had gone through so many wardrobes,” says Cleverly, whose weight plummeted during 14-plus-hour workdays at his current gig, for which he spent a lot of time hauling tools on his shoulder in the sand and persisting on what was often a beans-and-rice diet — when he actually did take the time to eat. “I lost count how many times I had my shorts tailored locally before I decided this was ridiculous.”

Cleverly's current task happens to be a biggie. But if anybody is suited for this historic moment in golf, many say he's the perfect fit. “There may be a handful, if that many, of people who could do what he is doing now,” says Tim Hiers, CGCS, director of agronomy at The Club at Mediterra in Naples, Fla.

Here's what Cleverly is doing: For the first time in 112 years, golf is a sport again in the Olympic Games, and Cleverly, 57, is the person charged with overseeing the built-from-scratch Olympic Golf Course in Rio de Janeiro, where Olympic golf in a stroke-play format for men and women will be staged Aug. 11 through 20.



Superintendent Neil Cleverly says some parts of the Olympic Golf Course resemble naturalized areas of Pinehurst No. 2 in North Carolina. A 17-year GCSAA member, Cleverly has overseen golf course construction worldwide, including in Egypt and the Dominican Republic.

### A long and winding road

Reaching this point has been a triumph in itself.

Construction of the course started later than scheduled in 2013. Once it began, it wasn't unusual for Cleverly's car to be pelted with rotten eggs by environmentalists protesting the golf course being built on Barra da Tijuca, a natural reserve for endangered species. “They (protesters) kept calling us environmental terrorists and various other names I won't repeat,” says Cleverly, who spent part of his life in the United Kingdom's military and adds that finding graffiti splashed across the golf course fence was common during the building process, as were protesters sneaking inside to vandalize areas such as bunkers. “When they (protesters) were asked to actually come to the golf course to see what we were doing, they just ignored the invitation and wrote crap about what we were doing, telling lies, trying to get us shut down, to stop construction and stop the grow-in. There were things you were exposed to you wouldn't think would happen on a daily basis.”

Battling red tape in a country where the president is currently facing an impeachment trial happened early and often throughout the grow-in and completion. Other issues persisted as well, including concerns over the Zika virus. Recognizable players such as Rory McIlroy and Jordan Spieth have chosen not to compete. Encountering multiple levels of managers and departments that weren't golf-savvy, as well as squabbling with contractors and course developers who sometimes made his hurdles mountainous, presented a lofty, uphill climb, for Cleverly.

“I've tried on many occasions to change the conversation to direct it to the benefit of golf,” says Cleverly, noting that he often had someone looking over his shoulder monitoring what his crew was doing. “This project doesn't allow you to be stress-free at any point, regardless if it's over the condition of the golf course, lack of a budget, or machinery issues.”

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Herbicides? Not allowed. Cleverly had to try to wait patiently for equipment and materials to pass through customs, not knowing whether they would ever arrive from the United States. Speaking of arrivals, Cleverly is hoping his 46 volunteers (which is less than half the number that helped out for the U.S. Open at Oakmont Country Club) show up. "It's harder than you can imagine (securing their services) with all the politics and security involved," says Cleverly, whose regular crew includes 29 employees plus eight landscapers.

Those issues have been only part of Cleverly's challenges in a South American country that has more than 200 million inhabitants but only an estimated 30,000 golfers (by comparison, the U.S. has a population of roughly 324 million and 25 million golfers). In forming a work crew, overcoming language barriers proved to be just one hurdle. To say his crew came to him "raw" may be the understatement of the century. "I have a chef, pizza-maker, gas station guy, and a guy who cuts hair. They arrived here from different walks of life," Cleverly says. "They had no idea how to cut their own lawn, let alone maintain a golf course. If you didn't have the patience of Job ... every single day's never entirely been a good day."

Still, Cleverly played a key role in achieving what the International Golf Federation (IGF) has had in mind for its first venture into Olympic golf since 1904. "Everybody who has been involved in this project, from the IGF, from the PGA Tour, and every supporting organization of the IGF, really does owe Neil a debt of gratitude for his dedication, his singular focus, and his ability to produce what we think is going to be one of the most iconic venues, if not *the* most iconic venue, of these Olympic Games," says Ty Votaw, IGF president and the PGA Tour's executive vice president of communications. "I call him the grass whisperer, because he must have some abilities to communicate with the grass that belies the resources and the support he received along the way."

## A vagabond with thick skin

Chances are, interns can rarely hold an audience captivated like Cleverly was able to do. Cleverly arrived as an intern at The Old Collier Golf Club in Naples, Fla., shortly after 9/11. Hiers, who was the superintendent there at the time, often employed interns from overseas. Cleverly, though, was no ordinary intern. He was a bit older, having served for the Queen, and was now pursuing a career in turfgrass management, which he had studied at Myerscough College in England.

Todd Draffen, an assistant at Old Collier in those days and now its GCSAA Class A superintendent, recalls asking Cleverly about his life in the military. "Some of the stories were things you'd expect to see in the movies," says Draffen, a 20-year GCSAA member, who notes that Cleverly was beneficial in helping the club develop a fertility management program and suggested it try Sisis maintenance equipment from the U.K., which it did, and which it still uses to this day.

Cleverly, who credits mentors such as Ronny Duncan, Ph.D., for helping pave his way into golf course management — "Without his knowledge and others who have taught me what I know about warm-season grasses, water and soil salinity chemistry, I would not have the level of education I currently have," Cleverly says — often tapped outside resources to help him become the best he could be. Another influence in his life, Bob Carrow, retired professor of turfgrass science at the University of Georgia, encountered Cleverly during those Florida days. He says Cleverly would eagerly inquire about the business, often copying Carrow on emails when he wanted to run ideas past him and others. "Very observant. A good manager," Carrow says. "He wasn't afraid to ask questions, then listen. That's a good trait."

Cleverly spent 18 months with Hiers before embarking on a journey in which he lived out of a suitcase while helping grow in and build golf courses around the world. He made stops in Egypt, the Dominican Republic, Poland and Mexico. Discipline ingrained in him from his stint in the military aided Cleverly at each stop, particularly in Brazil after he was selected to be the superintendent at the Olympic course.

"He was the perfect choice. We needed somebody who was tough," says Gil Hanse, the course's architect. "The word I use is 'disciplined.' We needed somebody who was going to put up with the ups and downs — not just over years, but day after day."

Cleverly's experience served him well. "You've got to have two or three levels of skin, and you've got to be able to filter out the bad from the good, and you've got to lead from the front," he says. "Military training is everything about leadership, discipline, honor, the buddy system, working with your friends, and creating positives rather than negatives, and dealing with those negatives the best way you can."

That includes handling his workforce, some of whom travel two hours to work.

"Some days I have to shout. But when I shout, I shout for a reason," Cleverly says. "It's making them understand what they need to do. It's not about animosity. Some need more attention, some need more teaching, but some get it straightaway. I've got three guys that come from one family, and they work like dogs. They're excellent. They listen. They're attentive. They do most things correctly the first time."

That is, when crew members show up. In 2014, during the World Cup, some of Cleverly's staff would simply walk off the golf course to find the nearest TV to watch a soccer match. It didn't necessarily thrill him, but Cleverly played along. "They love their futbol. I understand that. I wanted to watch England play," Cleverly says. "But there comes a point you've got to get things done. You've got to live and breathe what life is here, got to accept the way they do things, and if you don't do that, you're never going to win them over."

Hanse says Cleverly has converted his crew into "a lean, mean, fighting machine." Cal Roth, senior vice president of agronomy for the PGA Tour, has consulted with Cleverly on-site numerous times, and says he's impressed with how Cleverly has earned his staff's approval. "He had to hire and train a staff with basically zero experience or knowledge working on a golf course. Now, they are good. Very good. And they're loyal to Neil," Roth says. "He's a smart agronomist. He has an inner drive that won't allow failure, and he's that way sunup to sundown, seven days a week. I'm not sure if I know of another superintendent who could go through it."



Quote of the month:

It is almost impossible to remember how tragic a place this world is when one is playing golf.  
~Robert Lynd



*Superintendent/Pro-  
Member/Member  
September 12, 2016*

Shotgun Start at 9:30  
Dinner and Awards to follow golf  
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**Team Must Consist Of:**

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**EDUCATION INFORMATION**

GCSAA Accredited Educational Program will be held on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM at Amarillo Country Club

Speaker: Joey Young (Texas Tech)

Cost: \$25/Box Lunch Included

**(MUST RSVP!)**

Members may attend education only- please make reservations by emailing  
[lsgcsa@lsgcsa.org](mailto:lsgcsa@lsgcsa.org)

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Mulligans – Sunday only      50/50 split - All days

Sunday, September 25

Welcome and Registration

10:00 am – 11:30 pm

**LUNCH PROVIDED**

**Ross Rogers Golf Complex-Wildhorse Course**

Lone Star Texas Trophy Mixer

12:00 pm-*Shot Gun Start*

Two-Man Best Ball Pick Your Partner Event

Cash Payouts – Gross and Net

Following Mixer:

Long-Drive Championship

\$500 Contribution to Winning Chapter

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Monday, September 26

**Education Session-Open to All Chapters**

9:00 – 10:00 Education Registration

10:00 – 11:30 AM – Education/WTGCSA Chapter Meeting:  
Amarillo CC

Cost: \$25 (Includes Box Lunch for attendees)

**Golf - Lunch on Your Own**

**Amarillo Country Club-Lunch on your own**

10:30 – 11:30 Registration

12:00 pm – *Shot Gun Start*

Day 1 - Lone Star Texas Trophy

(2-Day Stroke Play Event)

Flighted - Gross and Net Divisions

**Dinner: Co-Sponsored by WinField**

6:30 Cocktails/7:00 Dinner

Tuesday, September 27

**Ross Rogers Golf Complex-Mustang Course**

8:30 am – *Shot Gun Start*

Day 2 – Lone Star Texas Trophy

Lunch and Awards Following Play

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9:30 am: Registration

10-11 am: Annual Meeting

*(Introduction of All Past Presidents, Voting of 2017 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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## In Memory Harry Robert Yewens



### **The 19th Hole.**

**By Kathi Appelt**

Harry Robert Yewens

October 18, 1946 ~ July 20, 2016

Harry Robert Yewens hit his last long drive on July 20, 2016, and is now sitting back at the 19th hole, sipping a big frosty margarita.

Harry was born on October 18, 1946 to Harry Robert and Gwendolyn Swingle Yewens, in Scranton, PA. Growing up, his family moved several times and finally settled in Houston in 1957. He was a graduate of St. Stephen's Episcopal School in Austin. In the summers he attended Ozarks Boys Camp. While living in Austin, he worked as a counselor at the Brown School. Later, he received his BS in Agronomy from Texas A&M University in 1979, specializing in turf grass management.

Harry loved the outdoors, including camping and hiking. In the late 1960's he spent six months hitch-hiking from Texas to Canada and back. One of his favorite spots was Big Bend National Park; he had a special fondness for the Texas Hill Country.

Nowhere was his devotion to the outdoors more compelling than in his life-long commitment to the great game of golf. He began his long career in the golfing industry by helping construct the course at The Woodlands. As a partner in Golf Unlimited Incorporated, he had an essential hand in designing such courses as Old Orchard, Golf Club, Longwood, Glenloch Farms, ColoVista, and many others. He preferred links style courses, but if you put a course in front of him, he'd play it! In fact, he was a champion player. One year, he even won the title of Senior Amateur Golfer for Texas.

He was active in the Golf Course Superintendent Association of America, serving as President of the Lone Star GCSA chapter. The Texas Trophy Golf tournament, which the Lone Star chapter holds each year for superintendents around the state, awards a trophy named after him at their annual tournament. The Harry Yewens Trophy travels to the medalist winner each year. Harry was one of the founding players of the Texas Trophy and helped start the tradition. He also organized several charity golf tournaments, raising funds for a diverse array of non-profit organizations.

In addition to golf, he loved playing board games, cards—anything competitive—as well as dancing and live music. He was in the audience on the final night of the Armadillo World Headquarters in Austin. He particularly enjoyed the Moody Blues, Asleep at the Wheel, and the Texas Tornados. And if there was Mexican food to be eaten, he'd place his order.

In February, 2012 he met his soul mate Judi Brady. Together, they played golf, gardened, spent time with their children and grandchildren, visited California, and went on numerous road trips.

Harry was preceded in death by his parents, his step-mother Phyllis Rathburn Yewens, his mother-in-law Patricia Childress, and his brother-in-law Bill Meisner.

He is survived by daughter Margaret Ann Yewens, son Robert Riley Yewens, life partner Judi Brady, sister Sally Meisner, and the following family members: Ken and Kathi Appelt, Patti and Spencer Miller, Mark and Claudia Meisner, Blake Meisner and Stephanie Jones, Casey Meisner, Amy and Ronnie Nichols, Jacob Appelt, Cooper and Laurel Appelt, Will Miller, Max Miller, Lindsay and James Lillard, Lauren Olivia Lillard, Leigh Morgan and Russ Budro, Austin Budro, Zachary Budro, and numerous great nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind his furry hat, and his best friend Craig Owen.

The family would like to thank the wonderful doctors, nurses and staff members of MD Anderson Cancer Center for the ten years of care and support that they provided.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the scholarship fund at Lone Star GCSA. PO Box 571923 Houston, TX 77257-1923.







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Thank you for your consideration in this matter and please send any submissions to: [stgcsa@stgcsa.org](mailto:stgcsa@stgcsa.org) or hand your nomination letter 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), John Freeman (2015)