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Lone Star GCSA President's Message

The golf industry has been quite a challenge for 2015 in Texas due to the weather. A late freeze in February, 3 months of record breaking rains, 3 months of no rain and now 3-4 months of El Niño. Throughout all it has been a good year for LSGCSA. Despite the late February freeze the GCSAA National Tournament in San Antonio was a big success thanks to the host Superintendents and courses (The Quarry, Cordillera Ranch, TPC San Antonio, and Palmer Course La



Cantera). The GIS show was very successful, Ken Gorzycki represented LSGCSA and gave a great "Welcome to Texas" speech at the opening session. The Lone Star reception was one of the most attended in recent times. The Texas Cup hosted by Travis Moore, at Ridgewood Country Club raised a lot of money for research and candidates expenses. September saw the popular Texas Trophy hosted by Ken Gorzycki & Rey Gomez at beautiful Horse-shoe Bay. The Tournament, Long Drive, Awards Dinner and Putting Contest was really a good time. The last event for the year for Superintendents is the TTA Conference in San Antonio December 15th -17th. Shirley has some great speakers lined up including Chava McKeel from GCSAA speaking on WOTUS new laws. The Lone Star luncheon will be on Wednesday, December 16th from 11:30am-12:30pm, please make reservations with Shirley when you sign up for the conference.

As we head toward the end of 2015, I would like to say what a rewarding experience it has been to serve as President of Lone Star. Whether we are talking about local chapters, Lone Star, TTA or GCSAA we are in this together and nothing works well without a lot of support from Affiliates Members, College Professors, Organizations Representatives and Superintendents that give so much of their time and effort to making the golf industry more enjoyable. And finally all the chapter Secretaries that keep everything organized and running smooth. (A Great big thanks to all). If you have never been involved in any of the committees or programs at the local, state or national level you need to give it a try, it just might change your life for the better. Hope to see everyone at TTA if not then San Diego GIS 2016.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season, Terry Gill President LSGCSA

Water BMP (Best Management Practice) Plan 5 Easy Steps to Getting your Plan Completed!

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Step 3: Use This Reference Guide to find helpful websites to collect data and other useful information.

Sept 4: Use this BMP Template to complete your plan.

<u>Step 5:</u> Email you completed plan to <u>lsgcsa@lsgcsa.org</u>

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Johnny Walker Candidate for GCSAA Board of Directors 2016

Four years ago in San Diego, I started my campaign as a candidate for Director for the GCSAA Board. In February of 2016 we will head back to San Diego for the Golf Industry Show and I will be one of the candidates again vying for a directors position with GCSAA. I have learned so many different things since I started this campaign and I have met many people that have encouraged me to not give up. GCSAA has been a big part of my career for the last 30 years and I believe that my leadership experience will help me give back to our membership through Board service. I encourage each of you to integrate GCSAA in your career equation because there are numerous ways that our Association can help you be better. I thank you for the opportunity to represent Texas as candidate for the GCSAA Board of Directors and hopefully we will be successful in 2016 in the city where it all started. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a great start to the new year.



JOHNNY WALKER

Director of Golf Course Maintenance Bentwater Yacht & Country Club



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Lone Star Texas Trophy September 27, 28, 29, 2015 Horseshoe Bay Resort Host: Ken Gorzycki GOLF RESULTS





Sunday Mixer Scores

Gross			Net	
First Place	Matt Cowan Dillon Orsag	68	Stan Ludwick Jacob Snyman	63
Second Place	Sean Wilson Charlie Trammel	69	Harry Jukes Gary Wilson	64
Third Place	Jeff Smelser Ed Martinez	70	Kevin Yanity John Evans	65
Fourth Place	Tanner Chratecky Dale Miller	71	Chuck Watson Jim Curlee	67



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WINFIELD

Long Drive #7- Jason Donaldson

Proximity Winners—Sunday

CTP #12 – Jarrett Eledge

CTP #17 - Curtis Bruton

Long Drive #7 – Aaron Schick

CTP #3 - Daniel McCann

CTP #8 – Kent Knowles

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GOLF RESULTS MONDAY/TUESDAY

Gross Championship Flight			Net Championship Flight			
First Place	Tannery Chras-	76/73=149	First Place	Frank Dar-	72/69=141	
	tecky			nell		
Second Place	Aaron Clary	75/75=150	Second Place	AJ Pursley	70/74=144	
Third Place	Ed Martinez	73/77=150	Third Place	Joseph Ha-	69/76=145	
				ven		
Fourth Place	Matt Cowan	77/74=151	Fourth Place	Jason Kelley	75/77=152	

Gross First Flight			Net First Flight		
First Place	Kent Knowles	85/79=16	First Place	Reagan Olson	78/69=147
		4			
Second Place	Travis Moore	83/83=166	Second	Dennis Rollins	76/71=147
			Place		
Third Place	TJ Guyer	90/81=171	Third Place	Jarrett Eledge	76/72=148
Fourth Place	Anthony Nash	87/91=178	Fourth Place	Terry Gill	76/82=158

Gross Second Flight			Net Second Flight			
First Place	Cody Fisseler	82/85=167	First Place	Jim Curlee	73/71=144	
Second Place	Aaron Schick	89/89=17 8	Second Place	Rey Gomez	76/72=148	
Third Place	Jeff Garza	93/87=18 0	Third Place	Mike Chandler	77/72=149	
Fourth Place	Jim Papa	95/87=182	Fourth Place	Jerry Hunts- man	76/73=149	

Gross Affiliate Flight			Net Affiliate Flight			
First Place	Stan Ludwick	74/81 First Place		Dale Miller	76/71=147	
		=155				
Second Place	Bill Tanner	73/83	Second Place	Corby White	77/71=148	
		=156				
Third Place	Scotty Brown	78/84	Third Place	Jim Newkirk	81/68=149	
		=162				
Fourth Place	Mike Mathis	82/84	Fourth Place	Pat Neuendorff	81/71=152	
		=166				



GOLF RESULTS MONDAY/TUESDAY

Long Drive Results: Congrats, Tanner Chrastecky and South Texas GCSA!

CTGCSA	Affiliates	STGCSA	NTGCSA
Tanner Chrastecky 336 yds	Matt Oldham 0	Joseph Ha- ven- 323 yds	Aaron Schick 312 yds
Jason Kelley 0	Dale Miller 314 yds	Ed Martinez – 318 yds	TJ Guyer 302 yds
Dan McCann 0	Kody Key 305 yds	Aaron Cox – 304 yds	Jeff Garza 0
Trevor Og- den 314 yds	Bill Tanner 0	AJ Pursley – 246 yds	Kyle Embry 317 yds
650	619	1191	931

Thank you, Ken Gorzycki, all the staff at Horseshoe Bay Resort, Terry Gill, and all those "others" for pitching in to help and making this such a great and well organized tournament!



Proximity Winners—Monday

Long Drive #7– Aaron Cox

CTP #3 – Bret Barclay

CTP #12 – Paul Lane

Long Drive #7- Kody Key

CTP # 8- Sean Wilson

CTP # 17- Joseph Haven



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Proximity Winners—Tuesday

- Long Drive o-10 Ed Martinez
- CTP # 3– Dennis Rollins
- CTP #6 Dale Miller
- Long Drive 11+- Andrew Jones
- CTP #12 Scotty Brown
 - CTP #15 Matt Cowan







THANK YOU AMERITURF FOR THE SUNDAY DINNER AND KEG! THANK YOU WINFIELD FOR HELPING OUT WITH THE MON-DAY NIGHT DINNER!

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Tanner Chrastecky:

Overall Champion and Long Drive Winner

CONGRATULATIONS!

CHAPTER TEAM RESULTS

NTGCSA					
Day 1		Day 2			
Frank Darnell	77	Frank Darnell	75		
Kyle Embry	81	TJ Guyer	81		
Andy Morris- sette	87	Kyle Embry	83		
Jorge Croda	88	Jeff Garza	87		
Monty Ash- worth	88	Aaron Schick	89		
Aaron Schick	89	Jorge Croda	91		
	510		506		
TOTAL 1016					

CTGCSA				STGCSA			
Day 1		Day 2		Day 1		Day 2	
Aaron Clary	75	Matt Cowan	74	Ed Martinez	73	AJ Pursley	79
Tanner Chras- tecky	76	Aaron Clary	75	AJ Pursley	74	Kent Knowles	79
Matt Cowan	77	Tanner Chras- tecky	73	Joseph Haven	74	Bret Barclay	82
Jason Kelley	79	Reagan Olson	79	Cody Fisseler	82	Doug Browne	82
Travis Moore	83	Jason Kelley	82	Doug Browne	84	Joseph Haven	82
Kevin Yanity	84	Travis Moore	83	Sean Wilson	85	Ed Martinez	77
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October 9, 2015 WOTUS Ruling

This morning, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit has stayed the implementation of the EPA and Army Corps' of Engineers Clean Water Rule (otherwise known as "WOTUS"). The effect of the decision is to put the rule on hold nation-wide.

As we <u>have noted previously</u>, legal activity has occurred simultaneously at the district and appellate court level on the validity of the WOTUS rule. The decision by the 6th Circuit does not change that. It does however stop – at least temporarily - any further implementation of the WOTUS rule until a final decision on its merits. In this latest filing, 18 states including OH, MI, TN, OK, TX, LA, MS, GA, WV, AL, FL, IN, KS, KY, NC, SC, UT and WI petitioned the 6th Circuit for a nationwide stay of the rule, citing the need to preserve the status quo as the merits of the rule are decided.

In their petition the states contend:

1) The Rule's treatment of tributaries, "adjacent waters", and waters having a "significant nexus" to navigable waters is at odds with the Supreme Court ruling in *Rapanos*, where the Court vacated the Sixth Circuit's upholding of wetlands regulation by the Army Corps of Engineers.

2) It is far from clear that the new Rule's distance limitations are harmonious with the instruction.

3) The rulemaking process by which the distance limitations were adopted is facially suspect.

4) The proposed rule did not include any proposed distance limitations in its use of terms like "adjacent waters" and significant nexus.

In deciding on granting the stay, the Court concluded "the petitioners have demonstrated a substantial possibility of success on the merits of the case". (Page 4 of decision) The order offered the following reasons for issuing the nationwide stay:

(1) the likelihood that the party seeking the stay will prevail on the merits of the appeal;

(2) the likelihood that the moving party will be irreparably harmed absent a stay;

(3) the prospect that others will be harmed if the court grants the stay; and

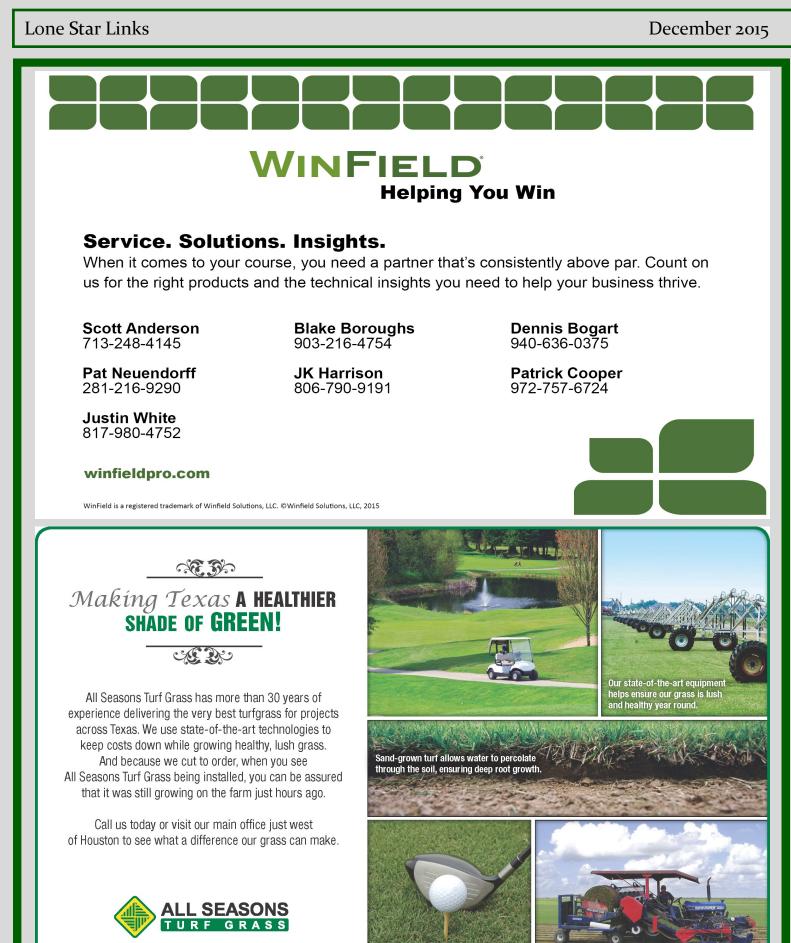
(4) the public interest in granting the stay.

The 6th Circuit ultimately made its decision on this fact:

"What is of greater concern to us, in balancing the harms, is the burden—potentially visited nationwide on governmental bodies, state and federal, as well as private parties—and the impact on the public in general, implicated by the Rule's effective redrawing of jurisdictional lines over certain of the nation's waters. Given that the definitions of "navigable waters" and "waters of the United States" have been clouded by uncertainty, in spite of or exacerbated by) a series of Supreme Court decisions over the last thirty years, we appreciate the need for the new Rule. In one sense, the clarification that the new Rule strives to achieve is long overdue. We also accept that respondent agencies have conscientiously endeavored, within their technical expertise and experience, and based on reliable peer-reviewed science, to promulgate new standards to protect water quality that conform to the Supreme Court's guidance. Yet, the sheer breadth of the ripple effects caused by the Rule's definitional changes counsels strongly in favor of maintaining the status quo for the time being." (Page 5-6 of decision)

GCSAA will continue to monitor the legal developments impacting the Clean Water Rule and update our members on <u>gcsaa.org</u>. We will also continue to push for passage of legislation in Congress to stop the rule. Please use our <u>S. 1140</u> <u>action alert</u> to help support this effort.

Here is a copy of the nationwide order.



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Ninety chapters send delegates to meeting at GCSAA headquarters

Two-day session provides superintendents the opportunity for learning, feedback and community

Lawrence, Kan. (Nov. 3, 2015) – More than 100 members from 90 chapters visited GCSAA headquarters last week to cover topics ranging from a final look at the revised members standards proposal, to a chance to hear from candidates nominated for the 2016 board of directors. In addition, delegates participated in constructive dialogue on association issues such as committee structure and marketing initiatives for the association's 17,500 members.

For some of the new attendees, it was a chance to learn more about their association.

"I now have a new appreciation for how the association is run and the true value that we receive by simply getting involved," said GCSA of New England representative Greg Cormier, a certified golf course superintendent (CGCS) and director of golf course operations at Nashawtuc Country Club in Concord, Mass.

Jake Snyman, golf course superintendent at the Palmer Lakeside course at Barton Creek in Austin, Texas, was equally impressed: "I got more out of this than anything I have done in the last 12 years I have been a member," said Snyman, a 40-year-old from South Africa who has been a superintendent at Barton Creek for three years and was in Lawrence representing the Central Texas GCSA.

Russ Dooge, CGCS, thought it was time well spent, too, even though he has been connected to GCSAA leadership as a chapter delegate annually since 1996.

Dooge, a longtime superintendent and now general manager with golf course management oversight at The Dunes at Maui Lani Golf Course, traveled nearly 4,000 miles from Hawaii for the opportunity to spend 48 hours talking with fellow members and GCSAA staff.

"We talked about member standards at my first chapter delegates meeting in 1997," recalled Dooge, a member of the Hawaii GCSA. "It is important. But what we are doing in advocacy for the profession and the golf industry as a whole is huge. That is something I can't do, and it helps me stay in business."

GCSAA President John O'Keefe, CGCS, gave an overview of the member standards proposal that will be presented for membership approval at the 2016 Golf Industry Show in February. That proposal, developed after more than a year of discussions with chapter delegates and other members, will slightly increase the education points needed for Class A renewal as well as modify the requirements for eligibility, which will continue to be based on a combination of formal education, experience and earned education points.

"While there was some discussion about what will qualify for service points in a strong education platform, I am pleased that we have the full backing and direction from our delegates to move forward," said O'Keefe, director of golf courses management at Preakness Hills Country Club in Wayne, N.J. "Class A member standards are important for defining who we are, both individually and collectively. They frame a member's professional identity."

In addition, GCSAA CEO Rhett Evans shared with delegates a brief snapshot of their association's priority programs, an overview of how the association has been strengthened in recent years, and a preview of plans for the 2016 Golf Industry Show in San Diego. There was also time devoted to a free-flowing Town Hall session.

Lone Star Past President, Ken Gorzycki and South Texas Board Member, Rodney Crow, Lone Star Vice President, Jake Snyman, GCSAA Board of Directors Candidate Johnny Walker and Jay Edwards of Texas Gulf Coast Supt. Assoc. attended the delegates meeting representing Texas.

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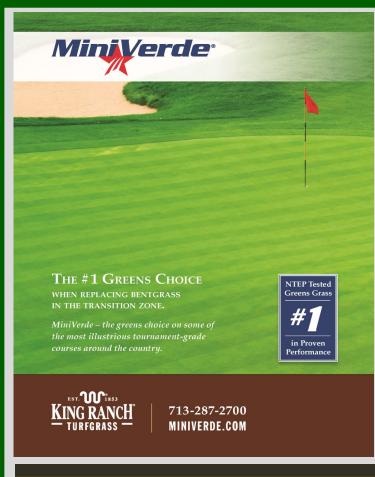
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Complimentary registration is offered to all classes of GCSAA retired, student, inactive and educator members, and all GCSAA members who have never used their one-time complimentary registration.* Current member dues must be paid in full at the time of registration. GCSAA will confirm eligibility.

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Hunter and Ewing Introduce Sprinkler Recycling Program

Hunter Industries and Ewing Irrigation & Landscape Supply are testing a new sprinkler recycling program in California and Texas.

When sprinklers are removed and replaced, they typically end up in the trash, but Hunter and Ewing have partnered to give new life to old sprinklers and keep them out of landfills.



This recycling program is being offered at select Ewing locations through March 31, 2016 with hopes to expand it in the future.

Most Ewing stores in Texas and California now have collection bins for used Hunter sprinklers.

All plastic Hunter rotors and spray head sprinklers will be collected, except for those with stainless steel sleeves. Reusable materials from the collected sprinklers will be reclaimed and used by Hunter to manufacture new products.

Supporting a More Sustainable Irrigation Industry

In order to save water, more people in California, Texas, and throughout the U.S. are upgrading their sprinklers to more water efficient models.

"By recycling sprinklers, Ewing, Hunter, and our customers can help reduce waste and create a more sustainable irrigation industry," said Warren Gorowitz, Ewing Vice President of Sustainability.

This program adds to Hunter's long-standing commitment to reducing it's environmental footprint.

"The sprinkler recycling program is exciting because it requires a combined effort across our industry to do the right thing, from improving the environmental performance of our products to lessening our collective burden on landfills," said Jeremy

Handler, Manager of Corporate Sustainability at Hunter.

To recycle your Hunter sprinklers, check with a **Ewing location** in California or Texas for drop-off availability.





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South Texas GCSA Schedule December 18—Awards Reception –Bay Oaks Country Club January 10, 2016—Pesticide Renewal/Bear Creek Extension January 26, 2016—Stephen F Austin GC March 8—Tour 18 April 19—Scholarship Tournament High Meadow Ranch GC May 23—Sterling Country Club June 20—Chapter Championship The Club at Falcon Point July 19—Member/Guest Battleground Golf Club August—No Meeting September (TBA) - Supt/Pro October 17—Annual Meeting Cypress Lakes GC November (TBA) - Magnolia Creek GC Contact: Marian Takushi Email: stqcsa@stqcsa.org (281) 494-0094 www.stgcsa.org

> <u>Central Texas GCSA Schedule</u> December 8th - Toy Drive - Briggs Ranch Contact: Carol Cloud (512) 215-4612 Email: carolcloud@ctgcsa.com <u>www.ctgcsa.org</u>

<u>West Texas GCSA Schedule</u> Contact: Tessa West Texas Executive Director (432) 524-2003 <u>www.wtqcsa.org</u>

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September 2016—Lone Star Texas Trophy (TBA) February 10, 2016 Golf Industry Show Reception Bootleggers Plates & Pours, San Diego, CA May 2016—Lone Star Texas Cup (TBA) Contact: Marian Takushi Email: <u>lsgcsa@lsgcsa.org</u> (281) 494-0094 <u>www.lsgcsa.org</u>

> <u>North Texas GCSA Schedule</u> December—Crew Championship Contact: Carol Cloud (817) 368-3002 Email: <u>ntgcsa@gmail.com</u> <u>www.ntgcsa.org</u>

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