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Lone Star GCSA Past President and
South Texas GCSA member, John
Walker appointed to the GCSAA
Board of Directors (see page 3)



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2016 President, Terry Gill

2016 has started off to be a very good year for Lone Star Superintendents. The 2015-2016 winter has been really kind to us which should make for an early and great spring. At the GIS and GCSAA Golf Tournament in San Diego many LSGCS had great success. For the second year in a row a Texas Superintendent came away as the GCSAA National Champion. A Great Big Congratulations to Sean Westacott, Champion (2016) and (2015) Champion Matt Cowan for finishing second this year. Several other Texas Supers finished high up in their flights. 6 of the Chapter Teams from Texas finished in the top 25 including North Texas team 1-3rd place and Central Texas Team 1-4th place. Congratulations to all that participated.



The GIS show was a big success as it always is in San Diego, what a great city. The Lone Star/BWI reception at Bootleggers Grill was very well attended 300 plus members and guests. There was plenty of food and drinks to enjoy by all, thanks to the more than 35 affiliate sponsors. This would not be possible without their support. So take the time to say thanks to all our affiliates whenever you see them. They are all posted on the Lone Star web-site.

On Thursday afternoon at the Annual Meeting and Elections we saw Texas' own Bentwater Country Club, Golf Course Superintendent Johnny Walker elected to the GCSAA Board of Directors. I know Johnny will do a wonderful job representing the "Great State of Texas" for many years to come. "Congratulations Johnny"

Now to keep our momentum going we have some exciting events plan for 2016. May 9th Superintendent Jeff Hansen, Squaw Valley Golf Course, Glen Rose will be hosting LSGCSA Texas Cup. This is a 2-man select drive tournament and a lot of fun if you bring the right partner. The Cup was started to help raise money for our candidates cost and to use for research projects at our universities. This is the first time we are having it in the North Texas area and we are excited to be going back to Squaw Valley. They hosted the 1996 Texas Trophy. Hope to see everyone there.

Sept. 25,26,27 we will be returning to the city of Amarillo for the first time since 1995. Amarillo County Club/ Nathan Neuman and Ross Rogers GC/ James Stow will be hosting the 2016 Texas Trophy. This will be the first time all participants will play 3 different golf courses at 2 different complexes much like we do at Horseshoe Bay. The 1995 Texas Trophy was hosted at Amarillo County Club and is still talked about as being one the best. We are going to have some great golf, great food and great times at all of these events.

Remember apply plenty of sun screen when going out, take care of your friends and they will take care of you because, we are all in this together.

Terry Gill

President Lone Star GCSA

Texas' John Walker appointed to board of directors for Golf Course Superintendents Association of America

Walker enters first year on association's board of directors



Lawrence, Kan. (Feb. 16, 2016) -

John Walker, director of golf course maintenance at Bentwater Yacht and Country Club in Montgomery, Texas, was appointed to the board of directors of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) at the association's annual meeting Feb. 11, 2016, in San Diego.

He previously served as superintendent at Blackhorse Golf Club in Cypress, Texas; Shadow Hawk Country Club and Houstonian Country Club in Richmond, Texas; Inwood Forest Golf and Country Club in Houston; and Weston Lakes Country Club in Fulshear, Texas.

A 29-year member of GCSAA, Walker is a member and former president of both the South Texas GCSA and the Lone Star GCSA. He is also a member and serves on the board of directors of the Texas Turfgrass Association. He has a bachelor of science degree in agronomy from Texas A&M University.

Walker and his wife, Sharon, have four grandchildren, Haley, Blayne, Clay and Presley, and reside in Magnolia, Texas.

Johnny Walker says, "After 20 plus years of board service for South Texas GCSA and Lone Star GCSA I am proud to inform you of my appointment to the GCSAA Board of Directors. My many years of service in our state has helped prepare me for service on the National Board of Directors. I want to thank each of the 5 chapters of our state for their continued support of my campaign for service with GCSAA. I especially would like to thank Ken Gorzycki, Ricky Heine and Brian Cloud for their insight and encouragement during this process. I hope to make each of you proud of me as I serve on this board and I hope to see you at our golfing events in Glen Rose and Amarillo.

JOHNNY WALKER

Director of Golf Course Maintenance

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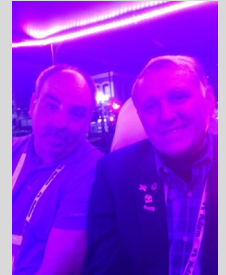
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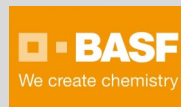
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Bayer Celebrates Course Dogs in 2016 Specticle Loyal Companion Photo Contest

Contest Entry Period Opens For Chance To Win Free Product And \$2,000 Contribution To Local GCSAA Chapter From Bayer



In an ongoing celebration of two of the most dependable golf course companions for superintendents – course dogs and Specticle® herbicide – Environmental Science, a division of Crop Science, a division of Bayer, announced today the official launch of the 2016 Specticle Loyal Companion Photo Contest as part of its enduring campaign to honor loyal companions. Golf course superintendents and assistant superintendents are eligible for a chance to win a fantastic prize package, including: a free case of Specticle Total herbicide, a Yeti® cooler and a \$2,000 contribution to their local GCSAA chapter.

“This year marks the second installment of a Bayer initiative to celebrate the uniquely special bond superintendents and assistants share with their course dogs,” said David Wells, golf business manager for the Bayer turf & ornamentals business. “Specticle Loyal Companion aims to both highlight that relationship and to provide an opportunity for professionals to give back to the local associations that support best-in-class turf management and industry connections.”

Superintendents and assistant superintendents can submit photos of their course dog from Feb. 8 through March 11 at www.backedbybayer.com/specticle-photo-contest. An objective selection panel of industry leaders will then identify the top three submissions for public voting. Public voting will open March 18 and will continue through April 22. Winners will be notified no later than April 23, 2016.

By entering the contest, superintendents and assistant superintendents will be eligible for a chance to win a variety of prizes, including:

- One (1) free case of Specticle Total herbicide
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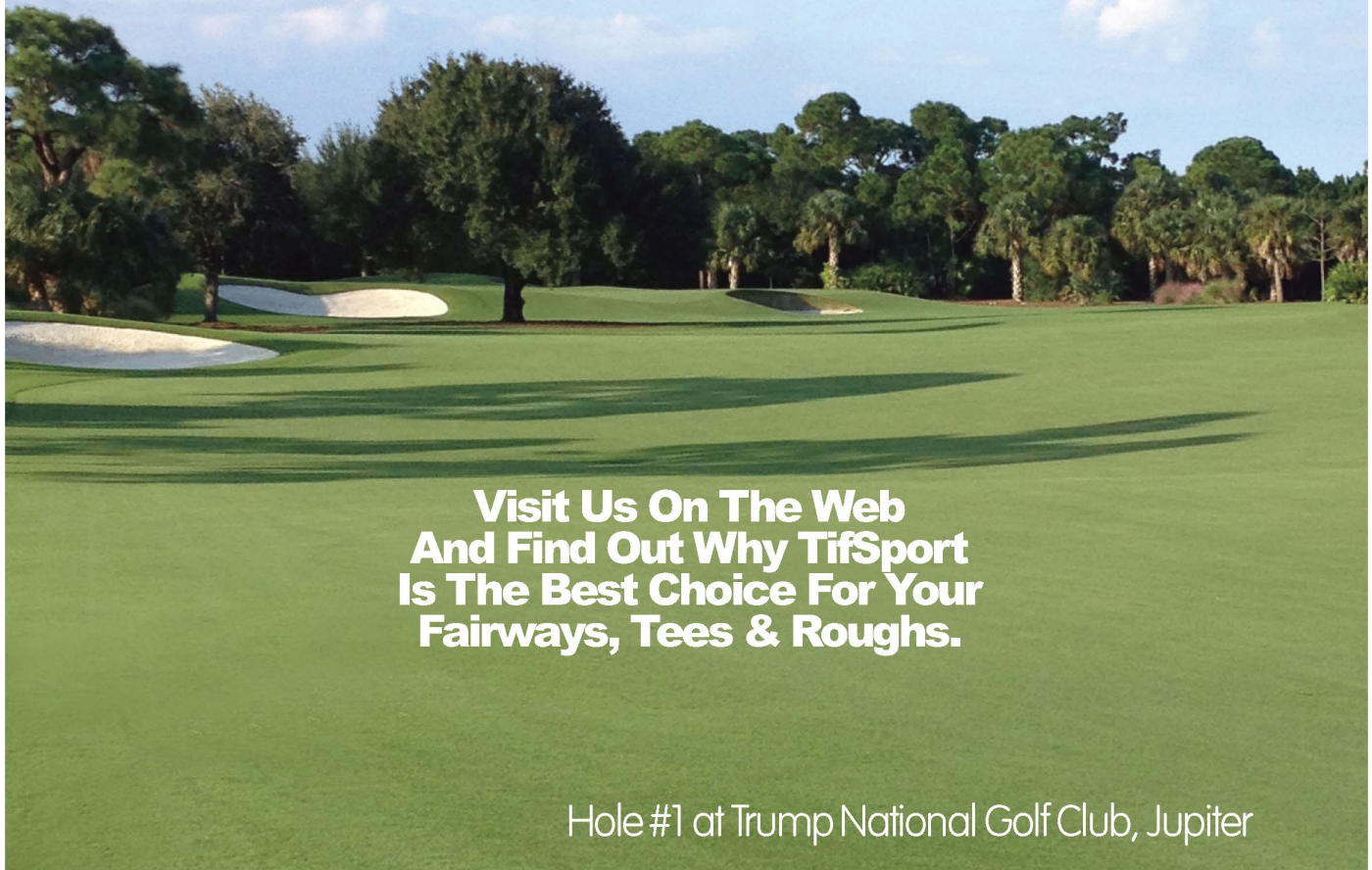
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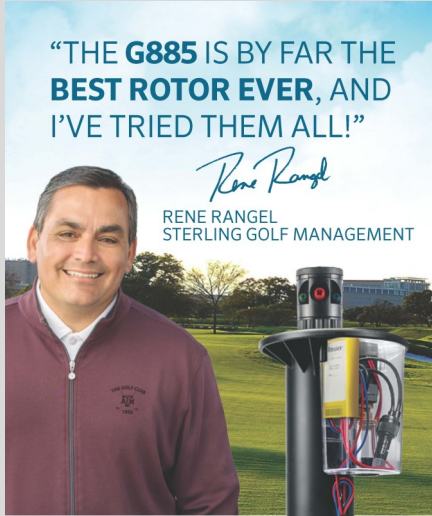




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 May 23—Sterling Country Club
 June 20—Chapter Championship
 The Club at Falcon Point
 July 19—Member/Guest
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 August—No Meeting
 September (TBA) - Supt/Pro
 October 17—Annual Meeting
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 July 11—Texas Tech Field (Texas Tech Research Farm)
 August 16—Palo Duro Creek GC (Canyon, TX)
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 September 2016—Texas Trophy (TBA)
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