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Warmest greetings of the season and best wishes for happiness in the new year.

Sincerely,

The Lone Star Board of Directors

President Message by: Jake Snyman

Happy Thanksgiving !! During this time of thankfulness I am a little sad that this will be my last letter to ya'll. We all have a lot to be thankful for and it has been my privilege and honor to serve as your president for the last year. Thank-you for the opportunity to serve and for supporting our wonderful association.



I would like to recognize and thank our Executive Director Marian Takushi for her tireless work behind the scenes to make all of our events the success that they are. She has been absolutely awesome, and without her our events this year would not have run so smoothly. Thank-you Marian!!!! Talking of events, our next one will be at GIS 2018 in San Antonio. The now famous Lonestar Reception will be held at the Hard Rock Café this year. I can't wait and look forward to seeing you all there.

Each event the LSGCSA hosts can only happen with the support and participation from our members and you all really stepped it up this year. Without you we would not have the fellowship and brotherhood that is the very core of the LSGCSA. As an association we managed we managed to raise over \$15k for the Harvey relief victims that were affected by the devastating flood waters. This speaks volumes to me and it should to you of the type of character and resolve we have for one another. I hope and pray that we all continue with this generous spirit and the desire to take care of all our neighbor and fellow associates moving forward. I know I am proud to be associated with all of you. I would also like to say a massive thank-you to our vendors and sponsors who not only sponsor so generously our events, but also give up their time to make our events as amazing as they are. You are all fantastic and we appreciate everything you do. There are too many to name individually in this letter, but you know who you are!! Thanks

Last but not least a huge thank-you to our Lonestar Board of Directors. We have a great group of individuals, who do some amazing behind the scenes work for all our members. We are always striving for a broad range of diversity on our Board, and if you would like to actively serve, then don't hesitate to reach out to either myself, Marian or any one of our board members and find out how. It is a great privilege to be passing on the helm to your new incoming board president Nathan Nuemann from Amarillo Country Club. I would like to wish him every success for the coming year ahead and we are all looking forward to your leadership through 2018.

Finally I wish you all a safe and blessed Christmas/Holiday season. May you all be blessed with fond family memories, safe travels and a bright looking future for 2018. See you all at GIS in Sn Antonio.

God bless, take care and have a great day.

Jake Snyman

Email lsgcsa@lsgcsa.org if you would contact information for any Board Member



Texas Trophy Golf Results -
 2017 Gentle Creek Country Club
 Thank you, Kyle Embry, GCS and all the
 staff at Gentle Creek CC for a great tourna-
 ment! You brought the beautiful weather
 as well!!

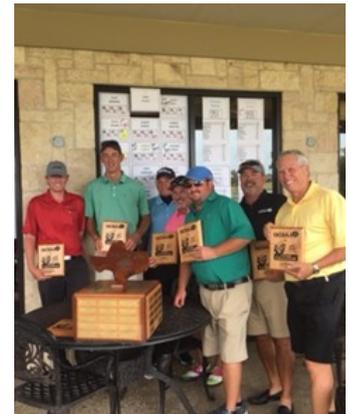
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Thank you,
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Championship Gross First Flight			Championship Net First Flight		
First Place	Matt Cowan	73/74-147	First Place	AJ Pursley	73/71-144
Second Place	Chris Douglas	74/75-149	Second Place	Chris Edmon-son	76/72-148
Third Place	Shawn Westacott	76/76-152	Third Place	Mark Haven	72/76-148
Fourth Place	Jason Barrington	76/78-154	Fourth Place	Joseph Haven	80/70-150



Gross Second Flight			Net Second Flight		
First Place	Craig Loving	77/81-158	First Place	Kyle Bunney	69/70-139
Second Place	Wayne Slaton	79/85-164	Second Place	Brian Sutton	69/75-144
Third Place	Bill Hanna	83/85-168	Third Place	Richard Kane	72/75-147
Fourth Place	TJ Guyer	85/83-168	Fourth Place	Kent Knowles	79/70-149

Third Gross Flight			Third Net Flight		
First Place	Kevin Whitten	84/83-167	First Place	Wade Warms	74/68-142
Second Place	Terry Gill	86/92-178	Second Place	Jerry Huntsman	76/67-143
Third Place	Derrell Embry	88/93-181	Third Place	Jeff Smith	79/69-145
Fourth Place	Stephen Yanez	91/91-182	Fourth Place	John Rowe	66/81-147

Gross Affiliate Flight			Net Affiliate Flight		
First Place	Chuck McCaskill	78/77-155	First Place	Bradley Snodgrass	67/70-137
Second Place	Todd Gilmour	75/82-157	Second Place	Loren Moulder	69/74-143
Third Place	Fred Leonard	81/78-159	Third Place	Pat Neuendorff	76/68-144
Fourth Place	Stan Ludwick	78/82-160	Fourth Place	Jamie Kizer	72/72-144

Sunday Proximity Winners

Long Drive #2- James Jensen
 CTP #9- Ken Gorzycki
 CTP #15 - Cameron McDermid
 Long Drive # 14- Chris Edmonson
 CTP # 11- Darrell Embry
 CTP # 5- Loren Moulder

Monday Proximity Winners

Long Drive #14 - Neil Packard
 CTP #11 - Derrell Embry
 CTP #5 - Chris Douglas
 Long Drive #2- Kirk Castner
 CTP # 15- Kyle Embry
 CTP # 9 - Pat Neuendorff

Tuesday Proximity Winners

Long Drive #2- Kirk Castner
 CTP # 11- Lee Langley
 CTP # 9- Pat Neuendorff
 Long Drive # 14- Carl Tolbert
 CTP # 5- Chris Douglas
 CTP # 15- Kyle Embry



Sunday Mixer Scores

Gross				Net	
First Place	AJ Pursley Matt Cowan	65		Richard Kane Kent Knowles	60
Second Place	Cody Fisseler Chris Edmonson	67		Charlie Trammell Hud Haas	62
Third Place	Jason Barrington Chris Douglas	68		James Burnett John Rowe	63
Fourth Place	Brian Honea Aaron Schick	69		Jason Kelley Tony Nash	64

CTGCSA	Affiliates	WTGCSA	STGCSA	NTGCSA
Matt Cowan 276	Tim Loesch 242		Joseph Haven 273	Chris Edmonson 278
Jacob Snyman	Dale Miller 248		Tanner Chras-tecky	Neil Packard 277
Jarrett Eledge 255	Kirk Castner 265		Jason Barrington 271	Kevin Whitten 242
Trevor Ogden 250	Pat Neuen-dorff 257		AJ Pursley 258	Kyle Embry 256
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Water is life. It nourishes us. It cleans us and sustains us. Put simply, water is you.

- The average American uses 176 gallons of water per day—that's 64,240 gallons a year!
- 40% of water in America is used to produce the food we eat and the beverages we drink.
- How is water used in your home? On average, 17% goes toward showering, 27% is used by the toilet, your faucet drains 15%, your clothes washer another 22%, miscellaneous needs take up 5%, and those pesky leaks steal another 14%.

If drinking water and soda pop cost equally, your water bill would skyrocket more than 10,000%.

We want our nation to recognize that water is essential and invaluable. And that it belongs to all of us. We believe that a more informed citizenry is critical to advancing smart and sustainable water policy in America. To this end, we provide tools, resources, and information that grows awareness among the public and decision makers about the value of water.

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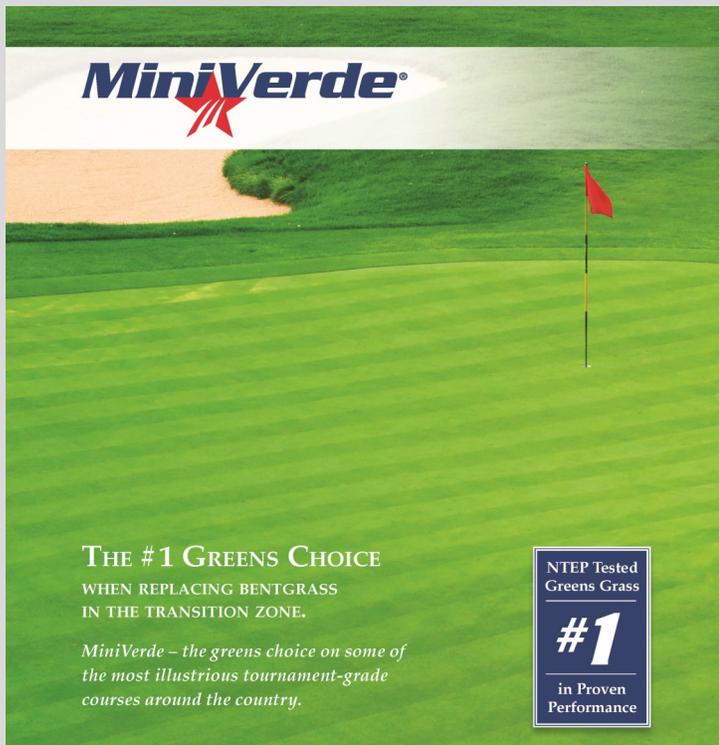
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WASHINGTON UPDATE: COMMENTS SUBMITTED ON WOTUS AND DOL OVERTIME EXEMPTION

There's been a lot of action in Washington recently on the legislative and regulatory front. First, thanks to all Ambassadors who signed the WOTUS rescission petition submitted to EPA at the end of September. In all, over 450 signatures were gathered from various segments of the golf industry showing strong support for withdrawal of the 2015 Clean Water Rule and replacement with one that more clearly defines the role of the federal government while taking into account the regulatory work already being done by state agencies across the country.

In addition to the petition, GCSAA led a coalition of golf industry organizations in submitting formal comments to the EPA docket that can be viewed [here](#).

GCSAA CHAPTER DELEGATE MEETING

Eighty-eight delegates from 94 chapters convened at GCSAA for the annual event. The two-day meeting was held Nov. 7-8 in Kansas City, Mo., and at GCSAA headquarters in Lawrence, Kan.



Lone Star Representative:
Ken Gorzycki

The event opened with welcomes from GCSAA President Bill H. Maynard, CGCS, and GCSAA CEO Rhett Evans. Evans shared that the Disaster Relief Fund has raised \$150,000 so far, and gave an update on the association's solid financial footing. Check presentations were made to the top five chapters that participated in Rounds 4 Research in 2017, and chapters were encouraged to find a "champion" for the 2018 auction set for April 30-May 6.

Creation of a political action committee and proposed bylaw changes were key topics of the 2017 Chapter Delegates Meeting. Other presentations on key initiatives included:

- **State BMP Implementation:** GCSAA continues going forward with the goal to have all 50 states with a BMP in place by 2020. Ten states have a BMP in place, with three more set to come online this winter. The state BMP initiative continues to be successful, and the 50 by 2020 goal is expected to be reached.
 - **Government affairs:** GCSAA now has a political action committee (GCSAAPAC) to support advocacy efforts on behalf of the membership. GCSAAPAC will distribute money to lawmakers who help advance GCSAA's Priority Issues Agenda. National Golf Day 2018 is set for April 24-25. The Grassroots Ambassador Program now has 305 ambassadors paired with a members of Congress, but spots are still available.
 - **Election and Governance:** The delegates learned about proposed bylaws changes that would alter the current election process. The proposed changes to the election process are based on a proposal that I made to the Board several years ago and feedback from past delegates to make the election process clearer. This change would eliminate the Presidential one year appointments to fill Board terms that are vacated prior to or during the Annual Meeting by the Delegates electing all vacated or expired Board terms at the Annual Meeting. This will put the control of the election process back in the hands of the members/delegates. There are also proposed changes to the GCSAA Bylaws, and updates made to the GCSAA Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct Guidelines that are primarily changes in language based on the current electronic age.
- The business portion of the delegates meeting concluded with presentations from and breakout sessions with the candidates for the 2018 board.

Board candidates are:

- Office of President – Darren J. Davis, CGCS (Florida)
- Office of Vice President – Rafael Barajas, CGCS (Florida)
- Office of Secretary/Treasurer – John R. Fulling, Jr., CGCS (Michigan) and Mark F. Jordan, CGCS (Ohio)
- Director (electing 2) – T.A. Barker, CGCS (Utah), Kevin P. Breen, CGCS (California), Nelson Caron (North Carolina), Kevin P. Sunderman (Florida), Rory Van Poucke (Arizona) and Jeff L. White, CGCS (Kansas).
- There will also be two one-year Board positions to be filled either by Presidential appointment or by a separate delegate vote if the Election process by-law proposal is passed prior to the Board elections.

The election will take place on Feb. 8 at the GCSAA Annual Meeting in San Antonio.

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BMP Steering Committee

The proactive implementation or utilization of environmental and agronomic Best Management Practices (BMP) at U.S. golf facilities provides golf course superintendents, facility owners and managers, communities and government agencies with a framework for a sustainable approach to golf course management. As the golf industry continues to face critical issues, such as water conservation, nutrient management, wildlife preservation and the continued pressure to reduce or eliminate use of inputs, the voluntary implementation of agronomic and environmental BMP are key to the future of successful golf course operations. It is a primary goal of the industry for all 50 states to have a BMP program in place by 2020 to respond to these current and future threats. BMP programs are being developed for each state based upon historical and scientific research. BMP programs for each state will take into consideration state regulations and specific environmental concerns. Lone Star has formed it's BMP Steering Committee to get Texas' BMP outline and plan completed for all golf courses to use as a template for their club. You will see the progress of these plans in the coming months and we will post the findings of the review committee when the plans are complete.

AROUND THE STATE

South Texas GCSA Schedule

January 17, 2018—Pesticide Renewal Class

Harrells Warehouse

January 30, 2018—Cypress Lakes GC—Chili Cook Off

March TBA—Memorial Park GC

April TBA—Scholarship Tournament at High Meadow Ranch GC

May 14, 2018—Sand Hill Farm (Golf and Target Competition)

June 18, 2018—Chapter Championship at Brae Burn CC

July 23, 2018—Member/Guest at Deerwood Golf Club

September 11, 2018—Supt/Pro Tournament at Shadowhawk GC

October (TBA) - Northgate GC

November (TBA) - Annual Meeting and Past Presidents Lunch at Kingwood CC

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December 18, 2017 Plum Creek GC Annual Meeting

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