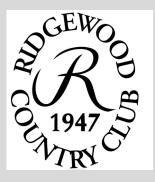
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President Message by: Jake Snyman

It seems like just yesterday that we were all unwrapping Christmas presents and celebrating the onset of the New Year. February has already almost rolled on by and 2017 has kicked off with a flourish. With it, so have many other things.

Firstly, A huge congratulations to our Lonestar Chapter Team for winning the Team Chapter competition at the GCSAA Golf Championships. Way to go Texas boys for bringing home the winning chapter honors and an awesome chapter prize in the form of a check for \$1100 made out to the LSGCSA. Yes, I actually still have the very large fake check, after carrying it back with me on the plane from Orlando GIS 2017. Sean Westacott, a member of the winning team, was witnessed parading it at the Lonestar reception. So if you did not get to see it, we will have it displayed at our first Lonestar event of the year at Ridgewood Country Club who will be hosting the Texas Cup in May this year.

Secondly, GIS 2017 in Orlando was a resounding success for the Lonestar state. Our very own Texan in the form of Johnny Walker got voted onto the Board of Directors for the GCSAA during the annual elections. A hearty congratulations to Johnny and we know he will serve us all well. Also if you did make it the "The Pub" for our annual Lonestar Reception, thank-you to all who came and supported us. We appreciate all of you. I personally had the pleasure of seeing and meeting superintendents and industry professionals from all four corners of the state and we had representatives from all of our local Texas Chapters. Also a huge thank-you needs to go out to Marian Takushi our chapter Executive Director who seems to be able to organize and pull off these outstanding events year after year. They just seem to be getting better. Cannot wait for the next one in San Antonio 2018!!!

Finally, I would like to extend a very sincere thank-you to our outgoing president of the LSGCSA, Terry Gill. He has stepped in, served and carried the baton of President of the Lonestar Chapter for more years than he would have like. You have been a rock star for the chapter. Terry has truly has been a great guy to get to know and work with. Thank-you Terry for your dedication and service to our industry and Lonestar chapter.

Without too much more to say, I would like wish everyone a fantastic 2017. Summer seems to have arrived early for some so lets all make the most of it and get our golf courses as good as they can be. Whether you are growing bent and bluegrass in Amarillo, or Bermuda in Corpus Christi and Harlingen, we look forward to seeing you supporting your state chapter at our next event in May.

God Bless, take care and have a great day.

Jake Snyman

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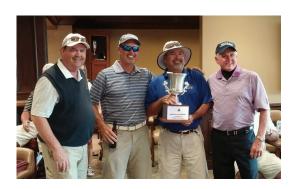
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Ken Gorzycki with 2015 Winners: Bobby Browne and Doug Browne and VP Terry Gill



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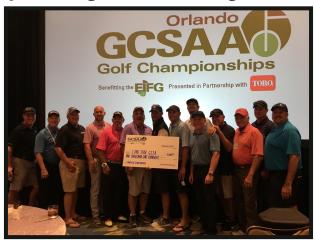
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From Left to Right: Monty Ashworth, Richard Pavlesek, Alan Hess, Kyle Embry, Sean Wilson, Johnny Walker, Tanner Chrastecky, Shawn Westacott, Jacob Snyman, Lee Langley, Charlie Trammel, Terry Gill, Aaron Cox, Aaron Schick (not pictured: Matt Cowan-lowest score from Texas)



Watch the highlight video of the Golf Championship here

See the Leaderboard Here

Stieler claims second GCSAA golf championship

Slow and steady won the race for Michael Stieler, CGCS.

On a day when many of the contenders for the GCSAA National Championship experienced the highs and lows of tournament golf, the superintendent at Spring Creek G&CC in Ripon, Calif., kept his cool and persevered, winning his second tournament title with a second-round 1-over-par 73 which wrapped up a two-day total of 2-over-par 146. That was good for a two-shot cushion over runner-up Tim Scott, CGCS, from Stony Creek GC in Oak Lawn, Ill.

Stieler, who previously won the GCSAA National Championship in 2012, started the second day of the event three shots off the pace set by three-time winner Seth Strickland from Miami (Fla.) Shores CC. And at the turn, Stieler was still two shots back, with several other competitors pushing for that top spot, including 2015 champion Matt Cowan from the Fazio Canyons Course at Barton Creek in Austin, Texas, and David Noto from Mossy Creek GC in Cleveland, Ga.

But while Strickland, Cowan and Noto all ran into trouble on the back nine, Stieler was en route to what was a steady even-par 36 on the back side. He did encounter his fair share of drama down the stretch, but a few par saves and a few near-miss birdies that ended up as tap-in pars proved more than enough to earn Stieler the title.

Cowan and Strickland both finished in a tie for third at 6-over-par 150 following final-round scores of 76 and 80, respectively. Finishing tied for fifth were Tanner Chrastecky from Bentwater Yacht and Country Club in Montgomery, Texas, and defending champion Shawn Westacott from Meridoe GC in Carrollton, Texas. Winning the senior division of the national championship was Charles Costello from Phoenix (Ariz.) CC.

In the chapter team competition, the Lone Star GCSA earned the overall title in the gross division, while the Mississippi Valley GCSA came home in the top spot in the net division.

The Toro Co., the event's sponsor for the past 23 years, also gave away a new Workman GTX in a raffle for all 460 participants who took part in some aspect of this year's GCSAA National Championship and Golf Classic. The winner was Greg Brooking, CGCS, the general manager and superintendent at Duncan Park GC in Natchez, Miss.

For complete tournament results from every flight and level of competition, visit the official tournament web site.









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In case you missed it!

Member Jeff Smelser submitted a photo to Golf Course Management's "Photo Quiz" section. See the photo on page 28. See if you can tell what caused the burn appearance near his maintenance facility. Then go to page 108 for the answer!

Here is a link to the magazine~







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Government Relations Updates: By: Ken Gorzycki

GCSAA State BMP Template - Now Available

GCSAA has unveiled their new BMP template for states to develop their own BMP Guide for Golf Courses in their states.



Texas is in the process of developing a steering committee and task force to draft and review a BMP template for the state.

Please contact Marian if you have an interest in being a part of this important initiative for our state.

Press Release from GCSAA on February 14, 2017:

BMP Planning Guide and Template offered by Golf Course Superintendents Association of America

Golf industry groups, including the USGA and PGA Tour, collaborate to proactively demonstrate golf course superintendents' environmental stewardship

Lawrence, Kan. (Feb. 14, 2017) — A comprehensive national planning guide and template for best management practices (BMPs) in golf course management that states can easily adapt to their needs is now available online through the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA). The BMP program is funded through the Environmental Institute for Golf (EIFG), the philanthropic arm of GCSAA.

The BMP Planning Guide and Template is a big step toward the initiative to have golf courses in all 50 states adopt science-based agronomic practices that support proactive environmental stewardship of the land. The template, covering key areas such as nutrient use, drought and water management, integrated pest management and others, is available at <u>www.gcsaa.org/bmp</u>.

"It is vital to the long-term success of this profession that we proactively work with legislators, regulators and consumers to build full trust for superintendents and the work they do to provide quality playing surfaces while protecting the environment," said Rhett Evans, GCSAA CEO.

The planning guide is generously funded and supported by the U.S. Golf Association (USGA), which began funding turfgrass research in 1920. The USGA has also invested generally to ensure sustainability for the game.

"We are committed to doing all we can to help bring best management practices into play across every state and at every golf course," said Mike Davis, executive director and CEO of the USGA.

GCSAA-affiliated chapters in Florida, Georgia, Michigan, New York, Oregon and Virginia already provide successful examples of the value of adopting BMPs. And nine more affiliated chapters from other states have been awarded grants to get started, through funding from the PGA Tour.

One of those chapters is the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents, whose effort is being spearheaded by Pete Gorman, the golf course superintendent at Pine Orchard Yacht and Country Club in Branford, Conn., and the secretary-treasurer of the Connecticut association.

"We want Connecticut to be at the forefront of the BMP project," said Gorman, whose state includes 179 golf courses. "We want to be a resource for other states and other industries going forward. GCSAA is taking the lead in helping all of us be leaders in best management practices, such as water conservation and all environmental topics. It's a commitment to our profession."

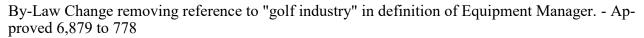
The BMP Planning Guide and Template was initiated by GCSAA leaders working with professional turfgrass and horticultural scientists at the University of Florida and further vetted through a task group consisting of superintendents, university scientists, environmental professionals, golf course architects and other industry representatives.

Updates continued on next page

GCSAA Annual Meeting Report:

2017 Annual Meeting

\$5 Annual Dues increase for Class A, B & C per agreed dues increase procedure. - Approved 7,557 to 127



Elections:

Rafael Barajas, CGCS was elected Secretary/Treasurer 4,116 to 3,656

<u>Three Directors</u> were elected:

Mark J. Jordan, CGCS - 6,522

John R Fulling Jr, CGCS - 5,605

John Walker - 3,906

<u>Appointment</u> - Keven Sunderman received 2,574 votes and was appointed to serve the remaining year on Mr. Barajas' term.

Others:

Rory Van Poucke - 1,602

Jeffrey F. Millies, CGCS - 1,483

Jeff L. White, CGCS - 1,426





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Congratulations to Randy Dayton, CGCS and Director of Operations at Flying L guest Ranch in Bandera, TX for Recertification with GCSAA



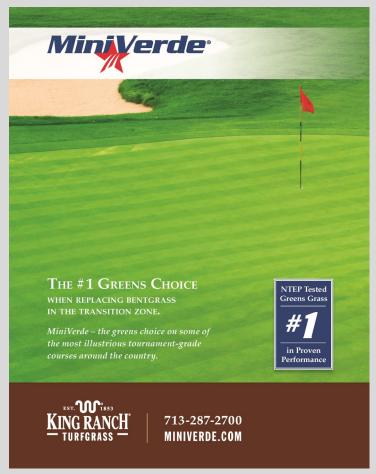




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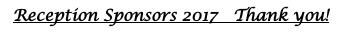




























































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January 7, 2017—Brae Burn Country Club

Scholarship Award Banquet

January 17, 2017

Stephen F Austin

January 25, 2017—Pesticide Renewal Class

Bear Creek Ag Extension Office

March 6, 2017—Elkins Lake Recreation

Education/Golf

April 25, 2017—Scholarship Tournament

Tour 18

May TBA

June 12, 2017—Chapter Championship

Riverbend Country Club

July (TBA)—Member/Guest

August—No Meeting

September - Supt/Pro

October TBA

November 13, 2017- Annual Meeting

Pine Forest Country Club

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Central Texas GCSA Schedule

March 21, 2017 Brackenridge Park GC

Legacy Scholarship Fundraiser

April 25, 2017 Lighthouse CC-McClure Match Play

June 27, 2017 Vaalor Creek GC-Sup/Aff Championship

July/August Cabela's Eduction

October 16, 2017 Olympia Hills GC Crew Appreciation

November 15, 2017 Flintrock GC—Toy Drive

December 18, 2017 Plum Creek GC Annual Meeting

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West Texas GCSA Schedule

April 10, 2017 Witchita Falls GC

May 9, 2017 Scholarship/Research Tournament

Palo Duro Canyon GC

July 7, 2017 Texas Tech Field Day, Lubbock, TX

September 12, 2017 Hidden Hills GC, Pampa, TX

Oct 30—Nov 1, 2017 Annual Conference and Trade Show

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May 22, 2017—Lone Star Texas Cup

Ridgewood GC—Waco, TX

September 2017—Texas Trophy (TBA)

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