

Lone Star Links

Winter 2018

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2019 Lone Star Reception February 6, 2019, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m.

Please join us for the 2019 Lone Star Reception at Bootleggers Bar & Grill 804 Market Street San Diego, CA 92101





Texas Trophy Results! Who took home this year's top team and individual honors? Turn to page 4 for all the results from our great event in Corpus Christi!

President's Message

December has rolled on by so quickly and before you know it the New Year is here.

This is officially my last Newsletter to all members of the Lone Star Chapter. My term as President of the association has very quietly come to an end. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for allowing me to serve you all in this capacity. It has been my privilege and honor to serve y'all. I could not have made it through the last 2 years without the help of a few key people and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank them.



Firstly, Terry Gill, the unofficial lifetime honorary President of the Lonestar chapter. He is the Godfather of all things golf in Texas!! Without his help, support and overall "know how" on how everything runs and functions, we would have been in complete disarray. Thank Terry, I appreciate all your help.

Secondly, the late Mrs. Marian Takushi. If any of you had the pleasure of working with Marian, you will know how wonderfully organized and fun she was to work with. Whilst she took no prisoners and dealt with all our events with a steely eye on all happenings, she was simply the best. She is truly and sadly missed by all. Our new Executive Director, Carol Cloud, has stepped in and taken the reins at a very difficult time after Marian's passing. She has managed to keep our associations administrational arm moving firmly forward. She has stepped into the seat and kept the ball rolling for our events this year. Thank you both Marian and Carol.

Thirdly, I want to personally thank all the other members serving on the board of the Lonestar Chapter. Their willingness to volunteer their own time for the betterment of our association is huge and should be applauded. Your continued support throughout my tenure as your elected president was hugely appreciated. The unique differences and experiences we bring to the table made us an exceptionally strong and dedicated team of people. When needed there was always a willingness to volunteer and help. Thank-you all for making our association better year after year.

Finally, I would like to thank all our dedicated members across the state. Without you and your continued support and professionalism we would not be where we are today. You, our members, are the heart and soul of our association. It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve as the president to represent your chapter in the profession we all love and respect.

Of course, it would be wrong of me to not mention the outcome of our Texas Trophy in Corpus Christi this last October. A huge thank-you firstly goes to Corpus Christi Country Club and Jason Kelley for hosting us for a tough 3 days of golf. The course was in fabulous shape despite the prior weather challenges during September. We managed to pull it off without any hitches and a worthy winner was crowned. The eventual winner was Steve Gilley with Aaron Clary coming in second place after losing in a play-off after the 37th hole. Our South Texas boys cleaned up the team event and "Big" Joe Anderson took the title of Long Drive Champion after all the dust had settled after our annual Long drive event. All in all, there was a lot of fun had by all and the event was a huge success.

Don't forget our future events coming up. If you have the opportunity to make it to GIS 2019 in San Diego there is the Lone Star reception at Bootleggers Bar and Grill and then our Texas Cup in May. Check our website for more details.

Without further ado, I would like to say one last thank-you to everyone for giving me the opportunity to serve you all. It has been a fantastic experience I would strongly recommend everyone doing. I want to wish our new chapter president for 2019, Cody Spivey, every success for the year ahead. You are all in excellent hands moving forward I am glad to say. Good luck Cody and keep our Lonestar Flag flying strong and proud.

Take care all and God bless..

Jake Snyman LSGCSA President

TIME TO ENGAGE

Last Fall, I had the opportunity to participate in the Texas Legislative Golf Tournament at Colonial Country Club in Fort Worth, Tex. State Senators and Representatives from all over Texas were there to be paired with everyday working people. I was paired with Senator Craig Estes from Wichita Falls who has been serving for the last 17 years.

> **John Walker** GCSAA South Central Field Staff Representative

wishes he was better at it. His father Field Staff Representative had started a fertilizer and pesticide sales company back in the 50's that sold to agriculture and the golf course industry. I had been a longtime customer when I was a superintendent but we had never met. He had heard of me and knew who I was and we had a lot of mutual friends

was a superintendent but we had never met. He had heard of me and knew who I was and we had a lot of mutual friends from the golf course industry. He was my cart partner for the day so we had a lot of time to discuss many different topics. He was unaware of GCSAA's national advocacy efforts and how many people were involved with the program every year. Our

Grassroots Ambassador Program was interesting to Senator Estes and he thought it can really help us get our story told to decision makers in Washington, D.C.

I am telling you this story because there are plenty of opportunities for you to become a Grassroots Ambassador for GCSAA. We have over 20 spots available in Texas alone. GCSAA will help you through our boot camp training so you will gain confidence when speaking to our elected officials. I felt extremely proud to be a spokesman for GCSAA that day and Senator Estes introduced me to several

other elected officials so that they could hear about GCSAA's efforts as well. The time to engage is now, especially with everything that is currently going on with state and national politics. It is very easy to get paired with a congressional official from your area and it will make you feel proud that you are one of GCSAA's many voices telling our story. Give me a call and I will help you get started.

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2018 Member/Guest/Guest/Guest

Thank you to Ed Martinez for hosting us at Deerwood for Member/Guest/Guest/Guest/Guest and Thank you to all of the participants who came out to play! Congratulations to our winners!

1st Place Team



Justin Lonon, Chad Barrum, Pierce Reid, Aaron Cohen

Superintendent/Pro - Member/Member December 4, 2018

Thank you to Brent Schilhab and Staff at Blackhawk Country Club for hosting a great event! Congratulations to all of our winners!



Supt/Pro Division 1st - 64 Phillip Littlefield Mack Kulberg

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Toy Drive this year! We sincerely appreciate it!







Texas Gulf Coast Superintendents Association





The 2018 Texas Trophy was hosted by the Texas Gulf Coast Superintendents Association and held at the beautiful Corpus Christi Country Club. To say our host, Jason Kelley and the entire CCCC staff rolled out the red carpet would be a an understatement especially after the event had to be postponed from its original date in September due to hurricane related rains and flooding. Participation was outstanding from all parts of the state and everyone enjoyed a beautiful golf venue, great hospitality and even better networking and camaraderie.

The South Texas GCSA proved once again their recent dominance on the links as they won the team championship by almost 50 shots. Yes you read that right. They were led by the Individual Champion of the tournament Steve Gilley from The Village Golf Club in Panorama Village. The eventful the event start with a fun day on Sunday with a Scramble Mixer and the traditional Long Drive contest. The Affiliate team led by Joe Anderson proved to be too long and strong for the rest of the field and captured the coveted title. New this year was a putting contest which was won by another "Southtexaner" Wade Warms.

Overall the event was a huge success and there were nothing but rave reviews from everyone who made the trip to Corpus. We had beautiful weather and a great venue host. Another tradition is the great sponsorship that the event gets every year and this year was extra special. Please take a look at all of our great sponsors listed below.

Thank you to everyone who participated, sponsored, and especially to our gracious host. See you all in South Texas in 2019!





Our terrific host Jason Kelly Thanks to you and your staff for making it a great week! We appreciate

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Individual Champion Steve Gilley (left)



Long Drive Champion Joe Anderson (left)



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South Texas GCSA

Champions - Team Total: 928

Player	Monday	Tuesday
Steve Gilley	75	73
Ed Martinez	77	<u>80</u>
AJ Pursley	77	
Jason Barrington	77	77
Tanner Chrastecky	80	75
Cody Fisseler	80	
Joseph Haven		76
Jim Brown		81
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Total

466

Central

Texas GCSA

2nd Place: 974

Player	Mon	Tue
Aaron Clary	74	74
Charlie Trammell	79	81
Bill Hanna	81	83
Austin Brown	82	
Gregg Dryer		82
Reagan Olson	82	
Matt Cowan		85
Jake Snyman		86
Kevin Yanity	85	
Total	483	491

North		
Texas GCSA		

3rd Place: 996

Player	Mon	Tue
Kyle Embry	76	76
Shawn Westacott	75	77
Fred Leonard	86	80
Monty Ash- worth	85	84
Chris Handlin	101	94
Frank Darnell	81	81
Total	466	462

Gulf Coast / West Texas GCSA

462

Team Championship Results

4th Place: 1084

Player	Mon	Tue
Jason Kelley	91	81
Kevin Girt	94	
Tem Miller		91
Darrel Embry	82	91
Jim Curlee	101	88
Bill Freeman	96	91
Charles Robert- son	91	8 ₇
Total	555	529



Sunday Mixer Results

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Proximity Winners

CTP Hole #4	Ed Martinez	CTP Hole #8	Nick Johnson
CTP Gike #14	Kody Key	CTP Hole	Jordan Droll
Long Drive #15	Chris Mrosko	Lone Drive #5	Austin Brown

Long Drive Contest

Winning Chapter: Affiliates 1,035 Total Yards Joe Anderson, Pat Neuendorff, Lee Gravett and Dale Miller Long Drive Champion: Joe Anderson 282 Yards

Putting Contest

Champion

Wade Warms

2nd Place

Dale Miller

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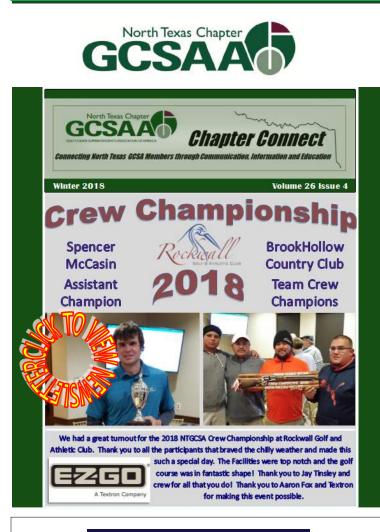
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October - Annual Meeting Grapevine Golf Course Host - Merlin Tielkemeier (right)



November - Scholarship Tournament Four Seasons Golf and Sports Club Host - Anthony Williams (right)



Save the Date! January 26, 2019

GCSAA News and Updates

A Message from Rhett Evans 2018 Fall Board Meeting Review



For many of you, autumn is a time for winding down, while others are busy making preparations for an influx of snowbirds. We have a similar dichotomy at GCSAA headquarters. While we are bringing some of our 2018 projects to the finish line, we are gearing up for our busiest season with the Chapter Delegates Meeting and the Golf Industry Show right around the corner. And we are planning for 2019 and beyond, as you will see from the items discussed by the GCSAA Board of Directors at its Fall Meeting in September at headquarters in Lawrence:

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GCSAA Government Affair Manager Michael Lee Wins RISE Award

Michael Lee, manager, government affairs, earned the 2018 Grassroots Excellence Award



from Responsible Industry for A Sound Environment (RISE) at its annual meeting Sept. 25 in Amelia Island, Fla. Lee was honored for his work to engage GCSAA members in Maryland and Maine in responding to anti-pesticide bills working through state legislatures last spring. Lee's proactive and strategic support and engagement with superintendents on the ground in those states lead to the defeat of the bills as announced by RISE staff at the meeting.

Chapter Delegates Receive Key



Updates, Discuss Initiatives

89 delegates representing 91 chapters convene in Lawrence/Kansas City at the 2018 Chapter Delegates Meeting

Chapter delegates discussed key initiatives and received various updates as part of the annual chapter delegates meeting, held in Lawrence and Kansas City. The meeting allows representatives from GCSAA's 99 chapters to provide a voice in association development, as well as meet candidates running for officer and board of director positions. Here are the key highlights:

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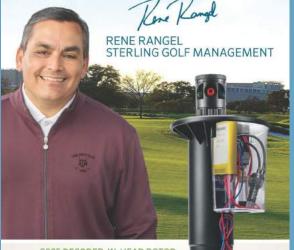


Thanks, Spencer Hill for a great tournament! You and your guys are much appreciated!

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Gary Stephenson designed Kissing Tree GC opens in Central Texas

Kissing Tree Golf Club in San Marcos, Texas, opened for daily-fee play on Oct. 1. Managed by Troon Golf, Kissing Tree is the first new public, 18-hole golf course to be built in Texas in the past six years.

Designed by renowned golf course

architect and Texas resident, Gary Stephenson, the course enhances the natural character of the land's footprint in the Texas Hill Country, bringing the slopes and contours of the landscape into the fairways and greens. The 6,600-yard, par-72 golf course offers multiple sets of tees for golfers of all abilities to enjoy. Tifway 419 Bermuda grass has been used on the tee boxes, fairways and rough, while greens are TifEagle Bermuda grass.

Kissing Tree Golf Club has already earned certification as a Signature Program facility with Audubon International. The Audubon Certification Program for Golf is an award-winning, environmental and conservation assistance program created to help golf courses protect the environment, including wildlife and habitat management, and adhere to comprehensive sustainable resource management principles.

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In addition to the 18-hole golf course, Kissing Tree Golf Club also features a short game practice facility, an extensive practice range and a practice putting green.

"The course offers all levels of golfers a fun and exciting round of golf," said Josh Clay, general manager of Kissing Tree Golf Club. "From drivable par 4s that incorporate risk-reward water hazards around the green to reachable par 5s, golfers will have plenty of chances to make birdies and eagles."

Troon is overseeing the clubhouse, course operations, course agronomy and golf shop retail. Troon will also manage the food and beverage operation, which will include a food truck in the near future.



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President's Message

Matt Cowan 2018 CTGCSA Pres



as been an honor serving as your association president t tyear. We had some great events at some esome venues. I would like to thank everyone who flidpatad in these events.

Continues to grow and more funds are raised annually to help and support our future youth. Burger's Boys defended the Accuracion of Brack. Aaron Clay made easy work of it at alcanhoad to be the champ and continued his good play in Corpus Christi at the trophy taking and place. Its avecome to see how special the row event is to all of you guys. This years vent at Grey Rock, even without the greatest weather, was such a great event with great food and prizes for all of those who participated! Lastly, the annual meeting was overwhelmingly works.

e to welcome new superintendent board members Paul Lane, Scott Robinson, Cash Comez, and our newest affiliate board member Justin White. Craig Feiton will take sident with Jake Snyman as Vice President. Thank you to these board members Jarrott Ekolga, Brody Olliard, Tony Nash, Tyker Anderson, Cotty White, and Tony wink you to our administrator coral Cloud for all that you do. Next years schodule and I look forward to a very successful year for the CTGCSA.

this been an honor serving on the board for the last few years as I have learned a lot be great acquaintances along the way. I hope you had a great 2018, a wonderful has and looking forward to an outstanding 2019. Happy Naw Yeat



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31st . It is a great week of amazing golf, fulfilling work, and good fellowship with others in our industry. We usually need about 52 people (includes my staff) each shift to pull off this great event. Last year the tournament raised over 1.2 million for local Texas Charities and we look to exceed that this year. If you have any interest in volunteering for the week please fill out the registration form (link) below. Each volunteer gets a shirt for each day, jacket, hat, and meals for each shift along with grounds passes for the day(s) you work. If you are from out of town, we do offer housing and transportation to and from the event hotel. Spots fill up quickly so please register as soon as you can. Deadline is February 10th, 2019. If you have questions, you can email me at bstringer@austincountryclub.com, or call 512-314-3265. Thanks in advance for all of your help. We are looking forward to a great week.

Sincerely, Bobby Stringer Golf Course Superintendent, Austin Country Club

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CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

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148	Steve Gilley - South Texas GCSA	Gross Champion
152	Kyle Embry - North Texas GCSA	2nd Place
154	Jason Barrington - South Texas GCSA	3rd Place
157	Ed Martinez - South Texas GCSA	4th Place
146	Aaron Clary - Central Texas GCSA	Net Champion
148	Shawn Westacott - North Texas GCSA	2nd Place
151	Tanner Chrastecky - South Texas GCSA	3rd Place
152	Charlie Trammell - Central Texas GCSA	4th Place

FIRST FLIGHT

162	Frank Darnell - North Texas GCSA	Gross Champion
166	Fred Leonard - North Texas GCSA	2nd Place
169	Monty Ashworth - North Texas GCSA	3rd Place
172	Jake Snyman - Central Texas GCSA	4th Place
148	Bill Hanna - Central Texas GCSA	Net Champion
151	Junior Schuette - South Texas GCSA	2nd Place
153	Jeff Smelser - South Texas GCSA	3rd Place
155	Anthony Nash - Central Texas GCSA	4th Place

SECOND FLIGHT

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173	Darrel Embry - West Texas GCSA	Gross Champion
181	Ramiro Esquivel - Central Texas GCSA	2nd Place
185	Wade Warms - South Texas GCSA	3rd Place
189	Jim Curlee - Texas Gulf Coast SA	4th Place
152	Charles Robertson - Texas Gulf Coast	Net Champion
157	Bill Freeman - Texas Gulf Coast SA	2nd Place
158	Rey Gomez - Central Texas GCSA	3rd Place
159	Derrick Hashimoto - Texas Gulf Coast	4th Place

AFFILIATE FLIGHT

151	Joe Anderson	Gross Champion
156	John Aguillon	2nd Place
157	Dale Miller	3rd Place
171	Jamie Kizer	4th Place
134	Rich Cope	Net Champion
143	Chris Webster	2nd Place
149	Corby White	3rd Place
152	Brent Ratcliff	4th Place

Texas Gulf Coast superintendents Association Image: Comparing the system of the sy

the sense that we haven't moved our rough in a while and it needed a little thirming. Had them at my house too. My yard is a minture of Bernuda Grass and weeds, Baha Grass and weeds, Dalls Grass and weeds,

etc. believe it or not, they didn't eat anything but the Bermuda Grass. What I was hoging they would eat, they didn't touch. I wonder what 50 degrees does for them plus all the rain, seems like some would surely drown. About all we did on the Golf Course was spray our Greens with the orticide. Laise think moving helps a lot with body specially on the about crass.

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Oso Beach Meeting

Thank you to Lewis Fry for hosting our October meeting and the final round in our Player of the Year Tournament. Thank you to the management there for their help and generous hospitality in providing breakfast tacos.

A big thanks to Scott Dunham and BASF for

sponsoring this meeting and providing some excellent education. Scott McElroy from Auburn University gave an informative talk on weed control on the golf course. GCSAA members received educational points for attending.

Golf commenced after the education was over.

Thanks to our hole sponsors Ameriturf, and Helena.

Golfers enjoyed lunch from the grill, prizes were awarded and meeting adjourned.

Thank you to all our members who attended.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR STANDINGS

FINAL STANDINGS

Superintendent Flight

Scott Robertson	33.125
Jim Curlee	24.25
Kevin Girt	22.75
Danny Gonzalez	22.75
Eric Loubengeiger	20
Javier Martinez	19.25
Mike Casares	14.75
Jason Kelley	14.5
Froylan Martinez	14
Lewis Fry	12.75
Derick Hashimoto	10.5

Affiliate Flight

Brent Ratcliff	22
Pat Neuendorff	17.25
Garrett Parker	17
Jamie Kizer	13.5

Golf Winners

Oso Beach Golf Course

Superintendents

Eric Loubengeiger 1st

Lewis Fry 2nd

Affiliates

Pat Neuendorff 1st

Closest to the Hole Sponsors

Helena

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Proximity Winners

#6 James Brinkmeyer

#16 Scott Robertson

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Welcome New Members

Patrick Affolder, McAllen Country Club John Zuniga, Rockport Country Club Chad Hamilton, Lone Star Flag and Golf

Schedule of Events 2019

April 9, 2019 - Vendors Day Rockport Country Club Host: John Zuniga

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