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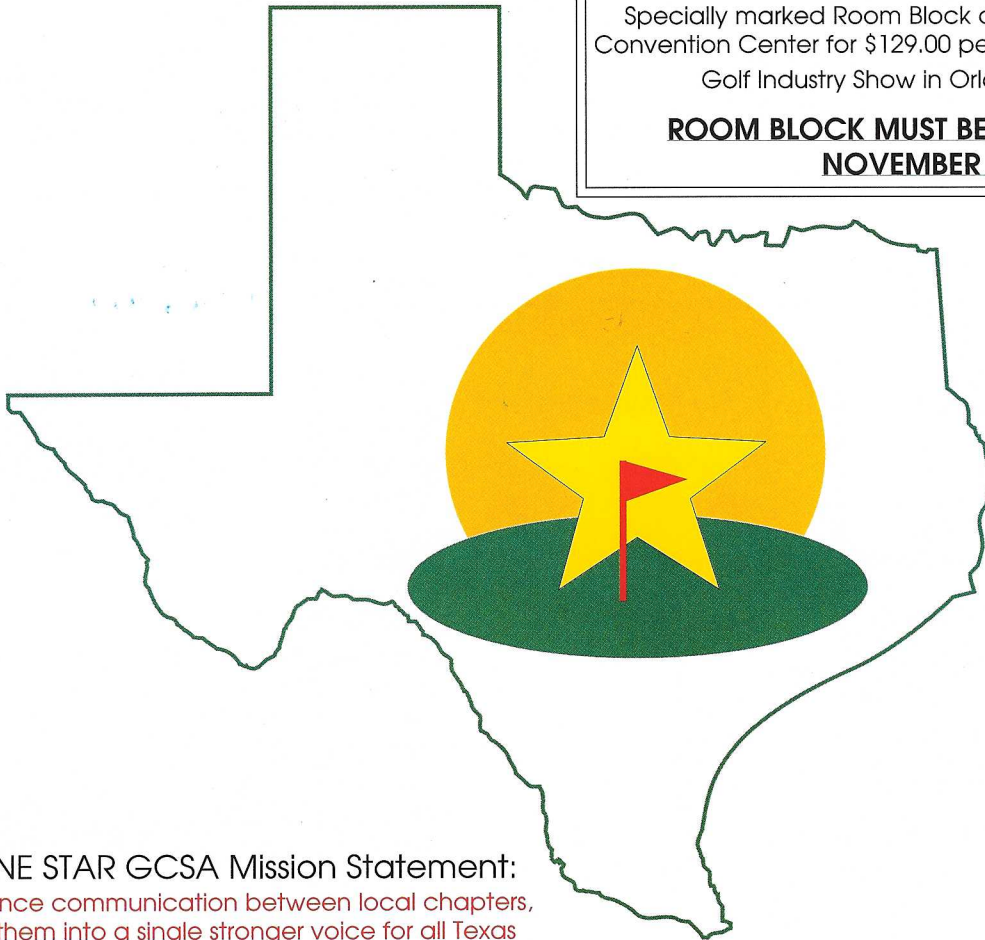
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1. To enhance communication between local chapters, uniting them into a single stronger voice for all Texas Golf Course Superintendents.
2. Form a stronger voting block and promote future National Director Candidates.
3. To organize and monitor the Texas Trophy Golf Tournament.
4. To track legislation in order to protect the best interests of all Texas Superintendents.
5. To enhance the image of Golf Superintendents locally as well as nationally.

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I hope, at the time of this newsletter, that everyone has managed to get their overseeding down without any "major" rain events. I know from my own past experiences that every time I open a bag of seed a raindrop hits me on the forehead. Anyway, its time to put the Bermuda grass to bed for the winter and begin the second half of our growing season and I'm sure that the bent grass growers are finally breathing a well earned and collective "sigh of relief".

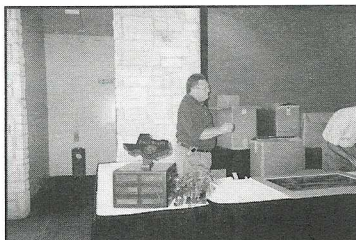
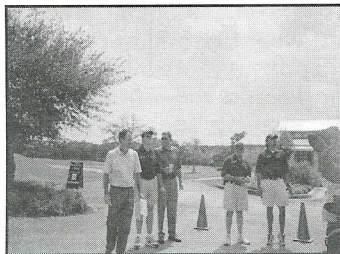
I would like to thank all of the Texas Trophy contestants for their participation in this annual event. It just seems to get better every year. Even though the weather did not quite cooperate, it was still a tremendously successful event. I think a special "Kudos" goes out to our tournament sponsor, Professional Turf Products - PTP. It was quite obvious that they took their part of this partnership, very seriously. I was really impressed with level of participation and commitment by their organization.

I would also like to thank and congratulate South Texas GCSA on a well-hosted and run "Trophy". I would also like to thank Marian Takushi and the STGCSA Board of Directors, for making ar-

rangements for Lone Star GCSA members from affiliate chapters to attend their educational meeting at Cypress Lakes.

Both Blackhorse courses were in excellent shape and presented quite a challenge for everyone, except Harry Yewens, he just never slows down. Johnnie Walker, his staff and the whole Blackhorse staff are to be congratulated on job well done. It is quite evident that South Texas along with PTP, has raised the bar and set a new standard and challenge for future host chapters. I know that my home chapter, Central Texas GCSA, is aware of this challenge and is looking forward to hosting the "Texas Trophy" next year.

As a final note, and by now it should go without saying, but I'm sure that the Lone Star GCSA Board of Directors and the whole membership would like to join me in a special thanks to our Executive Secretary, Debra Browning. This event would be almost impossible to put together without her dedicated effort. Thanks Debra!



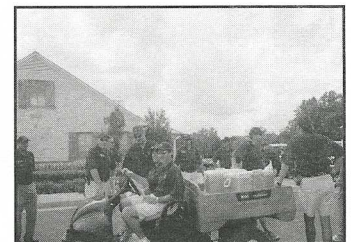
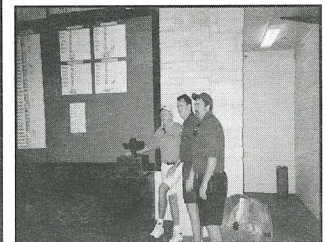
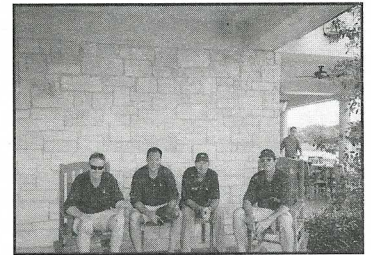
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A huge thank you to each of these men, whose hard work and long hours helped to make the 2004 Texas Trophy Tournament phenomenal.

2004 TEXAS TROPHY— Update by Doug Browne, Tournament Chairman

On behalf of the Lone Star GCSA I would like to thank all the players and volunteers who helped with the 2004 Texas Trophy Golf Championship in partnership with Professional Turf Products. Over 100 golfers from the five state chapters vied for bragging rights at Blackhorse Golf Club on September 12, 13, and 14, 2004.

The festivities began on Sunday, September 12th with a 1 PM shotgun on the south course. Fifty-three teams competed in the best ball mixer. The team of John Aguillon and Andy Morrisette won the gross division with a 66. Followed by a close second were Chris Webster and Mark Cohorn with a 68. Third, fourth and fifth places were the teams of Bret Barclay/Russell Tippie 69, Brad Fryrear/Fernando Palacios 69 and Tem Miller/George B. Manuel 70, respectfully.

This year's net division champions were Jim Curlee and Brent Ratcliff with a 9-under par 63. A scorecard play-off broke the ties for second, third and fourth with a score of 64. Paul Tessman/Kody Key won second, Travis Klosterboer. Carl Tolbert third, and Wade Warms/Jerry Tidmore fourth, fifth place with a score of 65 went to Stan Ludwick/Roger Goettsch.

Following the mixer was the first annual Chapter Team Long Drive Contest. Each chapter selected 4 long-knockers (2-0+ handicaps and 2-handicaps). Each contestant hit three balls and took the longest drive in the fairway. The total yardage was added up to decide the winning chapter. The North Texas GCSA team of Chuck McCaskill, Jay Stine, Michael Underwood and Willie Wallace won the event with a total of 1.056 yards. Professional Turf Products awarded the chapter team with a check for \$500.00 for their scholarship fund along with individual trophies.

The first round of the Texas Trophy began at 1 p.m. on the south course with 75 superintendents and 35 vendors participating in 5 flights. After the round, scores were posted

and dinner was served in the clubhouse.

The second round of the Texas Trophy in partnership with Professional Turf Products began at 8:30 AM on the north course. After 12 holes, the skies turned dark and play was suspended. The rain delay lasted 3 1/2 hours. For the first time in the twenty year history of the Texas Trophy, the tournament committee cancelled the final round. First round scores were used to decide this year's champions.

The South Texas GCSA team of Harry Yewens (71), Bret Barclay (74), Alan Hess (77), Chris Webster (78), Jorge Gonzales (78) and Russell Tippie (79) won the traveling team trophy with a score of 457.

Second place went to Central Texas GCSA team of Ed Martinez (73), Jay Cockcroft (76), Kevin Yanity (77), Bruce Burger (79), Jason Kelley (81) and Wayne Slaton (80) with a total of 466.

One shot out of second was the Texas Gulf Coast SA, the team of Fernando Palacios (73), Jim Brown (77), Tem Miller (78), Kelley Edwards (81) and Jeff Smelser (85) for a total of 467.

Last year's champion, North Texas GCSA finished with a total of 476.

Harry Yewens of Old Orchard Golf Club was the overall Champion with a final score of 1 under 71, (is that his age?) Harry has played in the Texas Trophy 17 out of the 20 years. This is his first victory.

For a complete flight of winners and scores, look inside this month's newsletter.

As in the past the four low gross and for low net winners advance to the GCSAA Championship in Orlando, Florida in February of 2005.

This year's gross team will be:

Harry Yewens	(71)
Chris Edmonson	(72)
Fernando Palacios	(73)
Eddie Martinez	(73)

Alternates in the gross division to the national tournament are as fol-

lows:

1) Bret Barclay	(74)
2) Jim Brown	(77)
3) Alan Hess	(77)
4) Kevin Yanity	(77)
5) Chris Weber	(78)
6) Tem Miller	(78)
7) James Johnson	(78)

Representing Lone Star GCSA in the net division are:

Willy Plowman	(65)
Jay Cockcroft	(67)
Gorge Gonzales	(68)
Brad Fryrear	(68)

Alternates for the net division are:

1) Roger Goettsch	(68)
2) Bret Barclay	(69)
3) Scott Terry	(70)
4) Thomas Jewell	(70)
5) Trevor Ogden	(70)
6) George B. Manuel	(70)

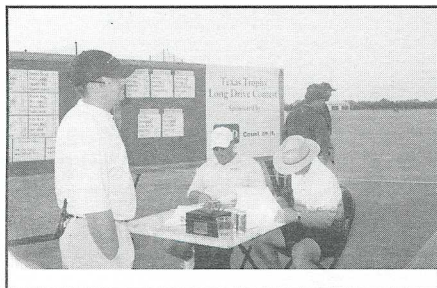
Congratulations to all the winners and remember, if you are not going to the National Tournament, please call Debra and let her know as soon as possible so the alternates can make arrangements to take your place.

A big "Thank you" goes to Professional Turf Products for their sponsorship at this year's event. With help from Eddie Clark, John Denton and Chuck Watson and all the PTP employees, the trophy ran smoothly and a good time was had by all. I would also like to thank the Allied sponsors, Tycrop, Toro—Ed McHendrie and Bill Thornton, Otterbine Fountains, and Flowtronics, - Chris Dove and Willie Slingerland.

Last, but certainly not least, "Thank you" goes to Johnny Walker, Superintendent of Blackhorse Golf Club, as well as his assistants, Blake Ward, Brian Sigler and his entire staff for their hard work and long days preparing the course in championship condition.

I hope everyone had a great time and I will see you next year in Central Texas.

2004 Texas Trophy Mixer Results



Winner's of the Mixer Sunday 9-12-04

Mixer Results

Net Competition

1 st	Jim Curlee & Brett Ratcliff	63
2 nd	Paul Tessman & Kody Key	64
3 rd	Travis Klosterboer & Carl Tolbert	64
4 th	Wade Warms & Jerry Tidmore	64
5 th	Roger Goettsch & Stan Ludwig	65

Gross Competition

1 st	John Aguillon & Andy Morrissette	66
2 nd	Mark Cohorn & Chris Webster	68
3 rd	Bret Barclay & Russell Tippie	69
4 th	Brad Fryrear & Fernando Palacios	69
5 th	Tem Miller & George B. Manuel	70

Contest Holes

Long Drive 0-15	Trevor Ogden # 9
Long Drive 16+	Dennis Klene # 18

Closest to the Hole

Richard Pavlasek	# 18
Tim Muench	# 17
Stephen Best	# 6

Jim Curlee—won fountain provided by Otterbine
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TEAM LONG DRIVE CONTEST

Winning chapter—North Texas GCSA
1056 yards total

Chuck McCaskill, Jay Stine,
Michael Underwood and Willie Wallace

Winner's of the Gross and Net Teams Eligible to Represent Lone Star GCSA at the Golf Championship in Orlando, Florida in February of 2005.

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Fernando Palacios	(73)
Eddie Martinez	(73)

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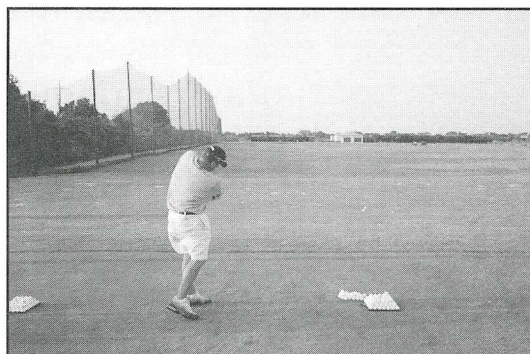
1)	Bret Barclay	(74)
2)	Jim Brown	(77)
3)	Alan Hess	(77)
4)	Kevin Yanity	(77)
5)	Chris Weber	(78)
6)	Tem Miller	(78)
7)	James Johnson	(78)

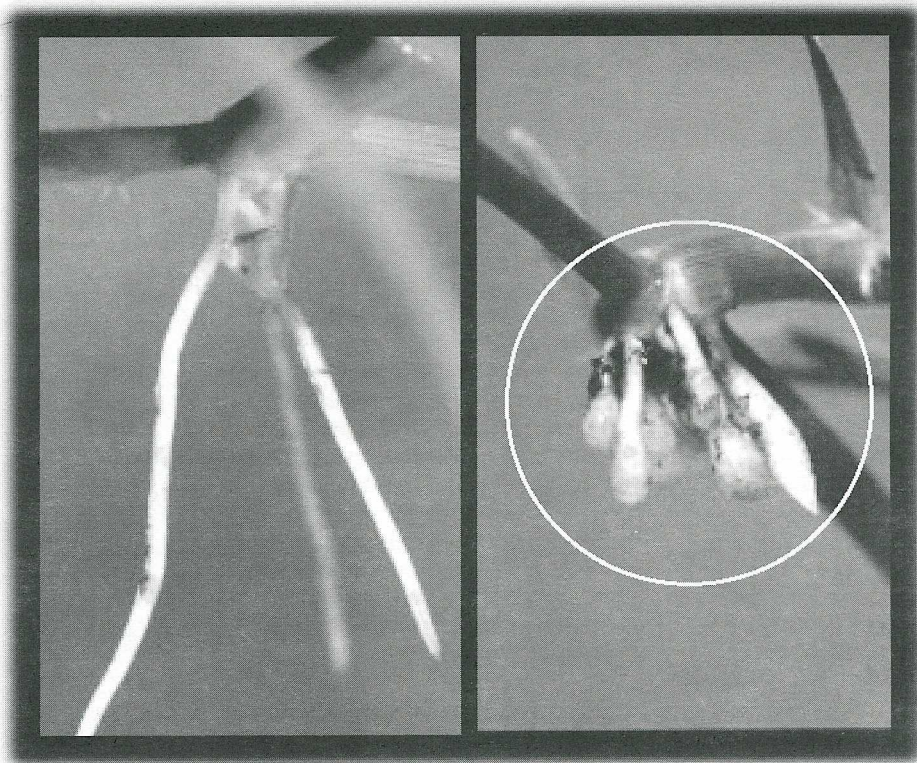
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3)	Scott Terry	(70)
4)	Thomas Jewell	(70)
5)	Trevor Ogden	(70)
6)	George B. Manuel	(70)





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Water Use Information for Water Planning

By: Kevin Kluge of the Texas Water Development Board

Because golf course superintendents may not be familiar with the Texas Water Development Board, I would like to take a moment to explain what we do and to request your assistance in providing accurate information that can ultimately help you and your customers.

The TWDB was created to provide water-project financing and to plan for the State's future water needs. In water planning, the TWDB assists 16 Regional Water Planning Groups across the state to plan for future water use and to estimate future water availability. The purpose of the regional planning efforts is to account for all current water uses and to plan for these. If some water usage is not included, then the regions and state are under planning for the future. Thus, both the regional groups and the Board are very interested in getting an accurate picture of water use.

To support these efforts, the TWDB conducts an annual water use survey for cities, utilities, industrial facilities, and commercial/institutional facilities across the state. For irrigation water use, TWDB has historically relied on various estimation techniques, but we do not believe that these techniques have accounted for water use by "non-traditional" irrigation sectors such as golf courses and nursery/landscape growers. For the survey of 2004 water use, we are making an effort to include additional information from these historically under-represented sectors. We currently survey 24 golf facilities, but next February we would like to send a water-use survey to all golf facilities with 18 holes or more. Courses would be surveyed for their annual total water use, the source of the water, and their physical address.

Since the regional water planning process began

in 1997, many dedicated people have become involved in planning for our state's future. However, planning is often only as good as the data upon which it is based. We hope to plan for golf course water use with the most accurate data possible and hope that you, as superintendents, can help us collect this information. For more information regarding the anticipated survey, please contact Kevin Kluge of the TWDB's Water Use Section at Kevin.kluge@twdb.state.tx.us or by phone at (512) 936-0829.

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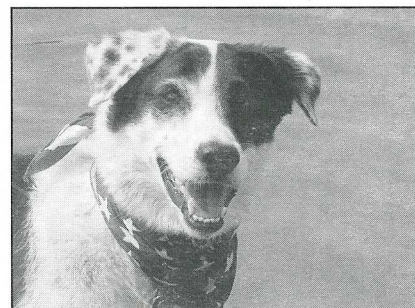
Vote Kcracker Bush as "Dog of the Year" at the 2005 GCSAA Golf Show in Orlando, Florida

Voting will take place at 2005 GCSAA "Golf Industry" Show in Orlando at Lebanon Turf Booth #3750.

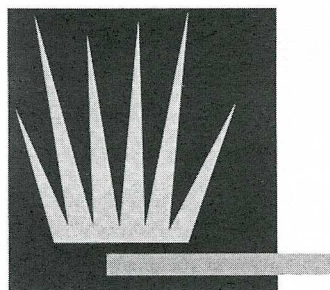
Hi, my name is Krackers Bush. I am a short haired Border Collie mix that was adopted from the SPCA. The SPCA was good to me but I love my active life these days. I work voluntarily for Bent Tree Country Club in north Dallas where the members know me

by name. My job at BTCC is chasing off those annoying geese for Superintendent Keith Ihms and my daddy First Assistant Scott Bush. In my spare time I herd animals, chase squirrels and rabbits. I love to swim and chase rocks that are skipped out in the ponds. I always practice golf course etiquette and receive my payment in treats, but don't tell my dad. I get lots of exercise but when I'm not working or playing I am cuddled up on the couch with my mom

keeping her warm and safe. I'm a load of fun and love people and sports. I even play soccer with the crew at BTCC. **So Vote for K Bush for Dog of the Year.**



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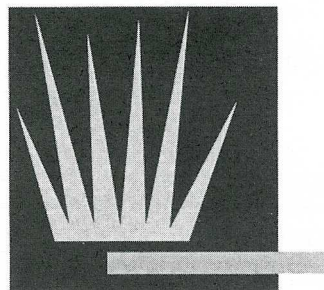


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2004 Texas Trophy Blackhorse Golf Club Final Results

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

Gross

Harry Yewens	71
Fernando Palacios	73
Ed Martinez	73
Kevin Yanity	77
Jim Brown	77
Tem Miller	78
Chris Webster	78
Chris Beaty	78

Net

Harry Yewens	67
Ed Martinez	70
Fernando Palacios	71
Jim Brown	73
Kevin Yanity	73
Chris Webster	74
Tem Miller	75
Bruce Burger	75

FIRST FLIGHT

Gross

Chris Edmonson	72
Bret Barclay	74
Brad Fryrear	74
Alan Hess	77
James Johnson	78
John Sewell	79
Russell Tippie	79
Pinkey Hartline	79
George Manuel	79

Net

Chris Edmonson	67
Brad Fryrear	68
Bret Barclay	69
George Manuel	72
James Johnson	72
John Sewell	72
Alan Hess	72
Russell Tippie	73
Pinkey Hartline	74
Wayne Slaton	74
Jason Kelley	74
Andy Morrisette	74

SECOND FLIGHT

Gross

Jay Cockcroft	76
Jorge Gonzales	78
Roger Goettsch	80
Terry Gill	82
Danny Atchinson	84
Ken Gorzycki	85
David Burson	85
David Myrick	85
Jay Stine	85
Michael Underwood	85
Melvin Williams	85
Bobby Holt	86

Net

Jay Cockcroft	67
Jorge Gonzales	68
Roger Goettsch	68
Terry Gill	68
Melvin Williams	75
Michael Underwood	75
Danny Atchison	76
Jay Stine	76
Ken Gorzycki	77
David Burson	77
David Myrick	77
Willie Wallace	77

THIRD FLIGHT

Gross

Thomas Jewell	83
Trevor Odgen	84
Scott Terry	85
Andy Coz	86
Rich Cope	86
Ramiro Esquivel	86

Net

Willy Plowman	65
Scott Terry	70
Thomas Jewell	70
Trevor Ogden	70
Mike Chandler	72
Ramiro Esquivel	73
Rich Cope	73
Andy Coz	73
Mike Rhoden	73
Ben Conklin	73

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2004 GCSAA Chapter Delegates Meeting Highlights

Chapter Effectiveness

John Fulling, CGCS highlights the work of the Chapter Effectiveness Task Group:

- The importance of chapter effectiveness in GCSAA's ability to serve members through chapters.
- The effectiveness of different chapter models.
- The delegates' perspective on the usefulness of the chapter assessment tool.
- Chapters were asked to complete the assessment tool and return it to GCSAA by March 31, 2005. This will provide baseline information to aid GCSAA staff in identifying chapter goals and then identifying incentives and resources to address those needs.

Chapter Affiliation Agreement

Pat Sisk, CGCS reported on the work of the Chapter Affiliation Task Group. The major revisions in the new affiliation agreement that takes effect on January 1, 2006 includes:

- A new purpose statement.
- Nomenclature changes & conformity issues to align with GCSAA Bylaws.
- A more comprehensive list of cooperative programs, which are available to chapter members as a result of their affiliation.
- New affiliation application guidelines.
- Chapter assessment tool requirements.
- The addition of an amendment clause, allowing for revisions to the agreement to be addressed during the affiliation period.

The Success of the Facility

A new membership growth concept was introduced that centers around the development of an affiliate "facility" membership as a 'value-add' to a Class A or Superintendent member membership. By offering a facility membership GCSAA will be able to deliver value, benefits and services to not only the golf course superintendent, but also to the golf facility that addresses the facility's goals. Delegates brainstormed content ideas for a facility membership and identified potential challenges. The information discussed by the delegates will be forwarded to the Membership, Career Development and Strategic Communications committees for further discussions.

Association Name Change Consideration

Jonathan Jennings, CGCS, chairman of the Messaging/Brand Strategy Task Group, outlined the process that will be followed to answer the following question: "Does the current name, Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, help us achieve our mission, vision and goals, or would a name with a clearer, more definitive meaning be better?" The process being engaged involves some of the same elements that were used in the exploration of membership standards (PDI) and the recent headquarters location study. The group is gathering information from a written survey sent to chapter leaders and a telephone survey being conducted with randomly selected members. The task group plans to make recommendations to the Board of Directors at their winter board meeting in January.

Other Highlights

- GCSAAS Chief Executive Officer Stephen F. Mona, CAE, addressed the decision-making process and the benefits of having allied associations join the

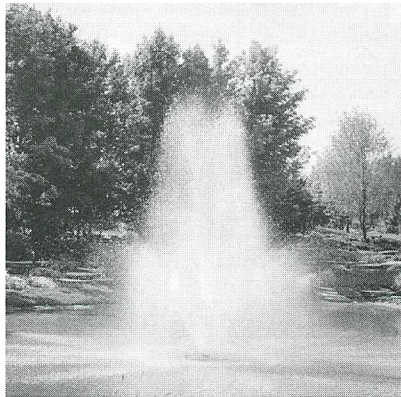
Golf Industry Show.

- GCSAA Chief Financial Officer Cameron Oury provided the delegates with a financial overview and also outlined the process for investigating a potential long-term dues pricing plan.
- Delegates had the opportunity to hear from and visit with the candidates running for the 2005 GCSAA Board of Directors.
- Pat Finlen, CGCS, chairman of the Headquarters Location Resource Group, briefed the delegates on the process that his group had undertaken in reaching its three recommendations:
- [Http://www.gcsaa.org/about/community/hdqtrslocation/report/asp](http://www.gcsaa.org/about/community/hdqtrslocation/report.asp)
- Delegates learned about enhancements to the Golf Industry Show, including the establishment of solution centers, featuring interactive displays with best management practices.
- Delegates also received updates on the new certification exam; The Environmental Institute for Golf; the GCSAA committee volunteer process and the International Association of Golf Administrators (IAGA)/GCSAA action plan

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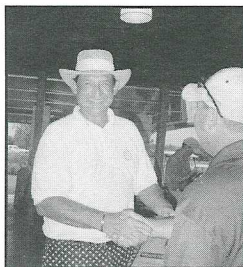
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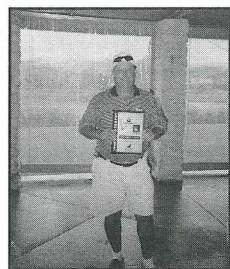
AFFILIATE FLIGHT

Gross	
John Aguillon	74
Stan Ludwick	74
Travis Klosterboer	74
Wes Foerster	76
Bill Hanna	78
Jim Newkirk	78

Net	
Jerry Tidmore	65
Travis Klosterboer	66
Stan Ludwick	69
Pat Johnston	70
Jim Newkirk	71
John Aguillon	72
Tom Armitage	72
Jeff Dossett	72
Stovy Bowlin	72



WINNERS



Texas Trophy 2004

Nominating committee selects 2005 GCSAA board candidates

The 2004 nominating committee, chaired by past president Michael Wallace, CGCS, met via conference call in early August and ratified the official slate of candidates for the 2005 GCSAA Board of Directors. The voting members of GCSAA will elect three officers and three directors during the 2005 Annual Meeting 2-4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, in Orlando, Fla.

For president -- Timothy T. O'Neill, CGCS at the Country Club of Darien (Conn.)

For vice president -- Sean A. Hoolehan, CGCS at Wildhorse Resort and Casino in Pendleton, Ore.

For secretary/treasurer -- David S. Downing II, CGCS, director of golf operations at The Pearl Golf Links and Ocean Isle Beach Golf Course in Sunset Beach, N.C.

For secretary/treasurer -- Ricky D. Heine, CGCS, general manager at The Golf Club Star Ranch in Austin, Texas.

For director -- Gregg A. Blew, CGCS at the Wellshire Golf Club in Denver, Colo.

For director -- James R. Fitzroy, CGCS, director/superintendent at the Wollaston Recreational Facility/Presidents Golf Course in North Quincy, Mass.

For director -- Mark D. Kuhns, CGCS, director of grounds at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, N.J.

For director -- Robert M. Randquist, CGCS, director of golf course and grounds at Boca Rio Golf Club in Boca Raton, Fla.

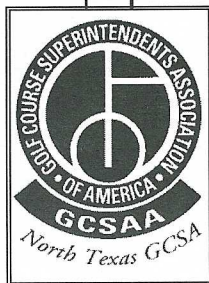
Jon D. Maddern, CGCS, immediate past president, and Robert J. Maibusch, CGCS, MG, director, are both retiring from the board of directors. Mark J. Woodward, CGCS will serve on the board for one year as immediate past president. Gary K. Carls, CGCS, has one year remaining on his two-year term as a director.

Hazardous Duty... Basic Bunker Maintenance

Wednesday, December 08, 2004
1:00:00 PM -5:00:00 PM

Cowboys Golf Club
1600 Fairway Drive
Grapevine, TX

Education Points: 0.35
Lunch is not provided



Effective Soil Water Management for Quality Golf Course Turf

Thursday, December 09, 2004
8:00:00 AM -5:00:00 PM

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Two Great Educational Seminars in December!

These seminars are Chapter Administered GCSAA Education Programs hosted by the North Texas GCSA. The seminars are open to all interested parties and will follow the Texas Turfgrass Institute and Tradeshow.

Check out the NTGCSA.org website for
Cost and Registration Information.

The design and maintenance of sand bunkers are two of the most commonly debated issues that golf course superintendents must address on a daily basis. Most golf courses with a significant number of sand bunkers require 15 to 25% of the available labor pool hours for routine maintenance. This course will teach superintendents about the numerous factors involved in making informed decisions regarding sand bunker construction, maintenance, and renovation. It will include opportunities for participants to express their opinions and philosophies regarding how sand bunkers should impact golf course playing characteristics.

Learning Objectives:

Gain a knowledge of the history of sand bunkers on golf courses.
Understand the design strategy that bunkers provide for the game of golf.
Understand factors which golfers use to form opinions regarding playability of bunkers.
Learn how bunker design and construction impact maintenance of sand bunkers.
Identify how sand selection and sand depth impact maintenance and playability of bunkers.
Identify how raking, grooming, moisture content and control, and other surface related cultural practices impact maintenance and playability of bunkers.

Instructor:

Robert M Randquist CGCS
Robert M. Randquist, CGCS, is the Director of Golf Course & Grounds, Boca Rio Golf Club, Boca Raton, Florida, since November 1998. He was the golf course superintendent at Southern Hills Country Club in Tulsa, Oklahoma from 1979-1998. Robert earned his bachelor of science degree in metallurgical engineering from the University of Oklahoma. Hosted the 1982 and 1994 PGA Championships; 1995 and 1996 PGA Tour Championships; and the 1987 USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship.

This seminar covers good agronomic practices and other available practices to effectively manage water for uniform turf quality. The physio-chemical properties of water, water movement, the interaction of water with soil particles, water use by the plant and factors affecting soil water retention are discussed.

Learning Objectives:

Explain the interactions between soil, water and plant including how turf obtains water from the soil and how soil moisture effects turf quality.
Describe how water moves through soil and the rootzone.
Identify water repellency issues other than Localized Dry Spots.
Discuss surfactant technologies available to manage water in the soil profile.

Instructors:

Stanley Kostka Ph.D.
Stanley J. Kostka, Ph.D., Director of Research and Development at Aquatrols Corporation. He has worldwide corporate responsibilities for product discovery, development, quality and regulatory issues. Dr. Kostka and his colleagues have discovered and developed novel surfactant and agrichemical formulations for turfgrass, floriculture, horticulture and agronomic crops. He is a recognized expert in the management of water repellency in soils and horticultural substrates. Dr. Kostka has authored over 40 technical research papers, holds two patents and has five patent applications pending domestically and internationally.

John Cisar Ph.D.
John L. Cisar, Ph.D., professor, University of Florida.

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On page 13 is the Specially Marked Housing Form for the 2005 Golf Industry Show in Orlando, Florida, February 7-12,

Please make additional copies if you need them. After you complete the form, mail or fax it to Golf Industry Travel (mailing address and fax number are on the form. Web reservations are being accepted, but we are asked to mail or fax the "specially marked" housing form to ensure the use of the room block.

Room blocks must be reserved by November 19, 2004.

Back to the Magic

Popular Orlando-area courses open their doors for the 2005 GCSAA Golf Championship.

The GCSAA Golf Championship has packed its bags for a wide variety of locales in its 53-year history. It has soaked up the sun in the Bahamas, visiting Freeport in 1969. It has traveled south of the border, stopping in Guadalajara, Mexico, in 1980. It's been to three Beaches (Long in 1956, Myrtle in 1983 and Ponte Vedra in 1992) and two Palms (Springs in 1963 and 1989, and Desert in 1986). It's even been to Toledo, Ohio (in 1976).

But this year, the tournament returns to an old friend, Orlando, which has played host to GCSAA's top golf event more times than any other city. It doesn't hurt that the Golf Industry Show and GCSAA Education Conference hits Orlando every three years, but the 2005 event will mark the fourth time the tournament has come to Central Florida (the others being 1996, 1990 and 1982).

Four respected golf facilities will open their doors to the nearly 700 competitors who will compete in this year's tournament:

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Panther Lake and Crooked Cat courses at Orange County National Golf Center and Lodge

Legacy Course at Reunion Resort and Club of Orlando

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The entry deadline for the 2005 GCSAA Golf Championship, which is being presented in partnership with The Toro Co. for the 11th consecutive year, is 5 p.m. CST on Dec. 1, and the field is limited to the first 720 entries from GCSAA members in good standing with the association. For more information on the tournament, visit

www.gcsaa.org/gis/2005/tour/default.asp.

Scott Hollister is editor of *GCM*.

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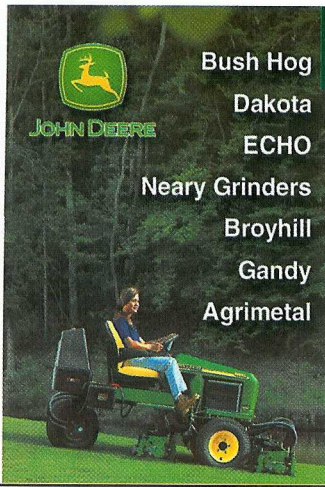
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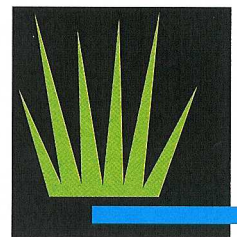
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