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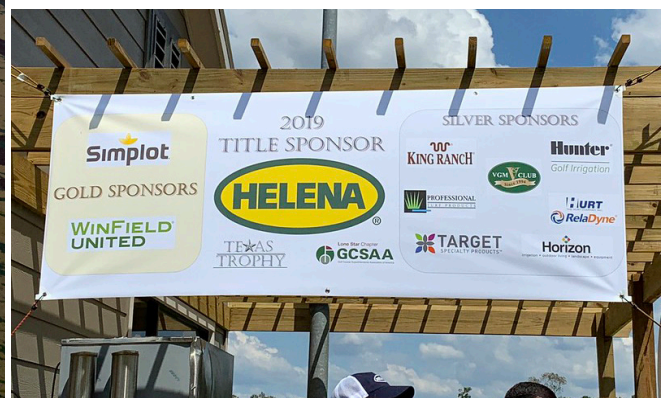


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Results and Photos!



President's Message

Cody Spivey
High Meadow Ranch Golf Club
General Manager / Superintendent



I hope this message finds everyone in the holiday spirit after enjoying Thanksgiving with your families. As I reflect over the past year, I want to express my gratitude at being able to serve as president for the Lone Star Chapter. The year has flown by, but it has been filled with many great events that would not have been possible without your support.

As we look forward to our last Lone Star gathering of the year at the TTA conference. I hope to see everyone in Corpus Christi on December 10-12 as they've added many fun filled events and quality education opportunities.



Even though this is the end of the year, we still have a lot of work ahead of us in the coming months. As your Lone Star Board and BMP (Best Management Practice) planning committee will be meeting at the end of the TTA conference with Kingsbury Environmental Consulting to kick start our state's BMP process. We are looking to finalize the Texas BMP by late spring so there is a lot of work to be done in a short period. The next step that affects all our members will be the facility adoption process once the state BMP is finished. Be checking our website and newsletters as we will be posting updates as we have them concerning the BMP process.

Right around the corner is our famous Lone Star reception at the Golf Industry Show in Orlando. This annual event will be held at "The Pub" on Wednesday, January 29. We are still looking for sponsors for the reception and can't wait to see everyone in the Sunshine State next month.



Our association and its success is possible only through the support of our amazing sponsors. Each time we ask for their support, they always come through for us! We are truly blessed by the best sponsors in the country!

As I get ready to pass the reins to the incoming president, I want to thank the board and Carol Cloud, our Lone Star Executive Director, for all of their work throughout the year. A special thanks to Terry Gill and Jake Snyman for showing us the way over the last five years.

Published at gcsaa.org November 25 The holiday season is definitely upon us with Thanksgiving this week. I remember when I was a superintendent. What a tough week this was! You only had three days to make everything perfect that would normally take five or six days to accomplish.

Hopefully, everyone will get their chores done and have time to spend with family and friends this year. When you take the time to give thanks for the things in your life, be sure to include GCSAA on your list. I have been in this industry for over 30 years and there have been a lot of changes, for the good, for the golf course superintendent. There are so many things that GCSAA has accomplished to help our careers that most members are not aware.

Obviously salaries have increased with time but so has the stature of our roles at the golf facility. GCSAA has worked hard for many years to increase the professionalism of our jobs. The government affairs team works everyday to make sure legislation does not negatively affect all golf courses in this industry.

The communications from GCSAA to our members keeps us all informed every week. For those members that still think a magazine is all GCSAA has to offer, I encourage you to reach out to any engaged member for a discussion on what GCSAA membership means to them and how are association works everyday to better the profession we chose. There are so many things in our lives that we should be thankful for this week and every week, let's not forget the association that works for us everyday of the year.



Travel with John Walker



John Walker @GCSAA_SoCentral · Dec 3

The infamous putting contest before the North Texas GCSA crew championship at Canyon Creek Country Club in Dallas, Texas. Over 130 players at this year's event.

John Walker @GCSAA_SoCentral · Dec 2

Me showing Central Texas GCSA how their participation in R4R helped raise almost \$16,000 for Lone Star GCSA that will be used for our state BMP project.



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The Lone Star GCSA was well represented at the Texas Hall of Fame Induction Banquet at San Antonio. Rhett Evans, CEO of GCSAA, also attended the banquet representing GCSAA and the golf industry.

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The 2019 Texas Trophy was hosted by the South Texas GCSA at the beautiful Clubs of Kingwood. Three great golf courses provided great conditions and a real test for all participants. Thank you to the Superintendents and the staffs of the Deerwood Course, the Forest Course and the Island Course.

The host chapter proved to be too tough on their home track and took home team honors for the FOURTH consecutive year. Leading the team was Ed Martinez who had an impressive two-day total of 152. The South team bested the runner-up North Texas team by 37 shots! A total of 9 individuals from the South Texas contributed to the winning scores over the two-day competition.

Shawn Westacott of North Texas fired a two-day total of 148 including a closing 72 on the Island Course to edge out Christopher Douglas of West Texas who carded a 151. Ed Martinez captured the Championship Net title and Matt Cowan won the Affiliate Championship with a 158.

The funday Sunday mixer was held at the Forest Course and the team of Dale Miller and Braeden Riley were crowned champions with a very sharp 65. Also on funday was the highly anticipated Annual Long Drive contest that saw the North Texas boys accumulate an impressive 1193 total yards beating the second place Affiliate team by only 11 yards. The longest recorded drive of the day belonged to Braeden Riley with a poke of 347 long yards.

The entire event was all possible by the great support from our sponsors. Please check out the following pages to help us recognize all these great companies. And a special thank you to Helena, our awesome Title Sponsor! The Texas Trophy is a long-standing tradition in the Lone Star State. To many, it is a can't-miss event every year. Plan on joining us in 2020 as the host chapter rotates to Central Texas and promises to be a great event. Mark your calendars now!

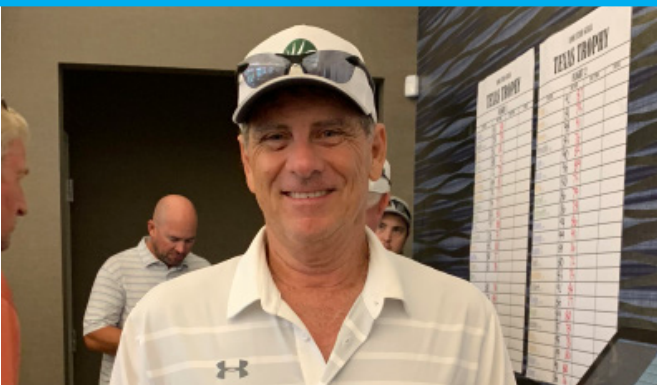
TEXAS TROPHY



Shawn Westacott Harry Yewens Medalist



2019 Champions South Texas GCSA





Sunday Mixer Results

65	Dale Miller and Braeden Riley	Gross Champion
65	Shawn Westacott and Kyle Embry	2nd Place
67	Ed Martinez and Jeff Smelser	3rd Place
68	Cody Fisseler and Cash Lane	4th Place
56	Aaron Schick and Todd Leist	Net Champion
58	Brent Ratcliffe and Parker Reeves	2nd Place
58	Jeremy Lewis and Allen Plagens	3rd Place
60	Chris Edmonson and Chris Mrosko	4th Place

Proximity Winners

CTP Hole #4	Chris Mrosko	CTP Hole #6	Jesus Polio
CTP Hole #11	A.D. Hess	CTP Hole #14	Wayne Slaton
Long Drive #3	Pat Neuendorff	Lng Drive #10	Aaron Shick

Long Drive Contest

Winning Chapter: North Texas 1,193 Total Yards
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 Long Drive Champion: Braeden Riley 347 Yards



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Tournament Results

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

148	Shawn Westacott - North Texas GCSA	Gross Champion
151	Christ Douglas - West Texas GCSA	2nd Place
160	Jason Barrington - South Texas GCSA	3rd Place
164	Joseph Haven- South Texas GCSA	4th Place
148	Edward Martinez - South Texas GCSA	Net Champion
151	Mark Haven– South Texas GCSA	2nd Place
158	Chris Edmonson - North Texas GCSA	3rd Place
160	Cody Fisseler - South Texas GCSA	4th Place

FIRST FLIGHT

163	Kenny Dierschke - West Texas GCSA	Gross Champion
166	Terry Todd - West Texas GCSA	2nd Place
172	Frank Darnell - North Texas GCSA	3rd Place
176	Alan Hess - South Texas GCSA	4th Place
149	Ryan Olson - Central Texas GCSA	Net Champion
152	Jesus Polio - South Texas GCSA	2nd Place
154	William Hanna - Texas Gulf Coast SA	3rd Place
156	Jake Snyman- Central Texas GCSA	4th Place



Tournament Results

Second Flight

176	Jon Cook - West Texas GCSA	Gross Champion
179	James Stow - West Texas GCSA	2nd Place
184	Paul Lane - Central Texas GCSA	3rd Place
184	Josh Martin - North Texas GCSA	4th Place
149	Greg Pinkston - West Texas GCSA	Net Champion
149	Aaron Schick - North Texas GCSA	2nd Place
154	Kevin Girt - Texas Gulf Coast SA	3rd Place
156	Chris Handlin - North Texas GCSA	4th Place

AFFILIATE FLIGHT

158	Matt Cowan	Gross Champion
165	Seth Logan	2nd Place
168	Chris Webster	3rd Place
171	Gene Dahlen	4th Place
144	Don Lecroy	Net Champion
145	Patrick Neuendorff	2nd Place
145	Bradley Snodgrass	3rd Place
145	Julie Pospech	4th Place



Team Championship Results

South Texas GCSA

Champions - Team Total: 962

Player	Monday	Tuesday
Ed Martinez	72	80
Tanner Chrastecky	75	
AJ Pursley	80	
Cody Fissler	81	86
Mark Haven	81	83
Steve Gilley	82	
Jason Barrington		76
Joseph Haven		82
Sean Wilson		84
Total	471	491

North Texas GCSA

2nd Place: 999

Player	Mon	Tue
Shawn Westacott	76	72
Chris Edmonson	79	83
Kyle Moore	83	84
Kyle Embry	83	
Frank Darnell	86	86
Monty Ashworth	86	91
Josh Martin		90
Total	493	506

Gulf Coast / West Texas GCSA

3rd Place: 1002

Player	Mon	Tue
Christopher Douglas	78	73
Terry Todd	80	86
Kenny Dierschke	83	80
William Hanna	87	86
Greg Pinkston	87	
Jon Cook	87	89
James Stow		86
Total	502	500

Central Texas GCSA

4th Place: 1055

Player	Mon	Tue
Ryan Olson	84	88
Jake Snyman	86	91
Paul Lane	89	
Cash Lane	90	91
Scott Robertson	91	
Reagan Olson	91	82
Wayne Slaton		82
Michael Holloway		90
Total	531	524



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Congratulations to Mark Monroe for being honored with The Tom Leonard Lifetime Achievement Award for 2019! Thank you for your 48 years of dedication and service to STGCSA!

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STGCSA Meeting & Education

TY DRIVE CLEAR CREEK Houston October 15, 2019 Host: Chris Tsafatellis

Education Sponsored by: BASF

Topic: Weed Control Speaker: James T. Brannan, Ph.D., Professor, The University of Tennessee

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Title: "What is Dead May Never Die..."

Description: Weeds are a continual problem on golf courses. Species such as annual bluegrass, goosegrass, and sedgelyflings species are seemingly harder to control than ever before. This presentation will review the latest research on managing these species using integrated techniques.

Dr. Brannan is a Professor in the Plant Sciences Department of the University of Tennessee (UT) and Director of the UT Weed Diagnostic Center. His research focuses on identifying unique and potential herbicide targets, particularly in relation to herbicide resistance. He has published numerous articles and presented at numerous national and international meetings. Dr. Brannan serves as an advisor to the Tennessee Turfgrass Association Board of Directors, and he is actively involved in the Weed Science Society of America, Southern Weed Science Society, Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, and South Texas Turfgrass Association. He has supervised or mentored students on the PGA Tour (including several major championships), been elected to multiple National Football League Executive, Dr. Brannan received a B.S. in Turfgrass Science from Penn State University, an M.S. in plant, soil and weed sciences (turfgrass) from the University of Massachusetts, Boston, and a Ph.D. in agronomy (turfgrass) from Penn State University.

Congratulations to Brian Buckner & Staff at Golf Club of Houston for hosting a very successful Houston Open after recovering from record breaking rain falls from Imelda late last month! Job well done!



2019 South Texas GCSA, Inc. Scholarship Banquet



Congratulations to our 2019 Scholarship Recipients!

Jessica Anderson - Legacy

Noah Baughman

Hunter Borowski

Ryan Brown

Braeden Dieckhoff

Ryanne Dolen

Madeleine Ducote

Blake Fox

Cameron Gilley

Isabel Huntsman

Olivia Inberg

Lauren Klene

Ashley Lyles

Paeton Mrosko

Lauren Norris

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Greg Neill, the equipment manager at Four Seasons Golf and Sports Club has been selected as the recipient of the 2019 Most Valuable Technician Award presented by GCSAA and Golf Course Management magazine in partnership with Foley Co.

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Greg Neill wins 2019 Most Valuable Technician Award

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The North Texas equipment manager is safety-focused, environmentally minded and passionate about his work.



Our June meeting was held at Wild-horse Golf Club of Robson Ranch and hosted by Superintendent Christian Boyd (R with Bryan Brown) and Director of Golf Ryan Coffman. This is a busy time of year for everyone but our attendance was good. Our Title Sponsor was

Longhorn Irrigation who did an great job of delivering an excellent speaker and providing a very good review of the products and services available to their loyal customers.

The Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas once again provided a terrific venue for our annual education meeting in September. This time-honored tradition always creates very high attendance numbers because of the terrific hospitality from the hospital, and the headline speakers that we are able to bring in for this event. The title sponsor, Winfield United coordinated the speaking lineup and did not disappoint. Each year the hospital host a very special luncheon to thank the association for their continued support. This year the association was able to make a \$9,000 contribution to the hospital. We look forward to continuing this relationship for many years to come.

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McKeel provides regulatory, legislative update at CMAA conference

by GCSAA Government Affairs Team

Chava McKeel, GCSAA's director of government affairs, attended and spoke at the Club Management Association of America (CMAA) Leadership/Legislative Conference in Raleigh, N.C. on Friday, Sept. 13, 2019. As part of its conference, the CMAA hosted an advocacy panel discussion to highlight the most pressing trends in the golf industry.

Over 150 club managers heard directly from the club industry's leading associations on the latest federal, state and local legislative and regulatory activities, and how these entities work together. Panel participants included McKeel and Joe Trauger, National Club Association; Ronnie Miles, National Golf Course Owners Association, and Melissa Low, CAE, CMAA.

McKeel focused her remarks on the state of the Trump Administration's effort to repeal the 2015 WOTUS rule and to replace it with a new rule by the end of the year. She also provided an update on repeal of Clean Water Act NPDES pesticide general permits and efforts by golf to secure \$3 million in funding for the National Turfgrass Research Initiative.

What's going on at the local, state and federal levels of government regarding registration and use of pesticides and fertilizers was also covered in McKeel's remarks. Specific focus was on glyphosate and chlorpyrifos and state and local fertilizer and pesticide bans and attempts to overturn pesticide and fertilizer preemption in many states.

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A Newsletter for the Turf Managers of West Texas

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WTGCSA NEWSLETTER



Message From Your President

The growing season is coming to a slow down and aeration is in the "air". I hope everyone has had a good year so far and can catch their breath as we go into fall. I feel like our association has been very successful with the participation at our meetings this year. We have gained some new members and had meetings at some courses we have not been to in a long time.

I want thank Bart Howard and the whole Amarillo Tascosa staff for their hard work and hospitality while hosting the August meeting. The course was in great shape and made for a fun day of golf. I look forward to another meeting there in the future. Thanks also to Winfield for sponsoring the lunch and to Pro Chem and PBI Gordon for providing the beverage cart to keep everyone hydrated.

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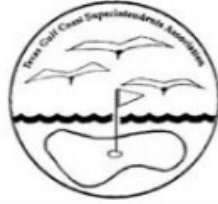
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GREENS TALK

Texas Gulf Coast Superintendents Association



Presidents Message

From Andy Andress

HOWDY!

Hope everyone is doing well. Enjoyed going back to River Hills. We had a good meeting, good golf course, very well attended, everyone seemed to have a good time and plenty of good food. Thanks to Mason and his staff for having us there again.

The Board Meeting afterward was mainly about our Vendors Day Tournament. How to make it better and how to make a little more money. Which brings us to the auction. If we had a few more items to bid on, things would be a lot better. So, even though the tournament and auction are about seven months away, start thinking about how you can contribute, be creative, try to figure out a way to help.

Our August weather was about the normal, hot and dry, especially dry. Seems like that's when our irrigation problems really show up. It can be quite a bit of extra work just keeping things alive.

Hopefully some cooler weather and a little rain will be on the way soon, and to think, six months ago we were begging for the rain to stop. You never know.

Hope to see you at the Gabe Lozano Meeting in October.

Andy

Next Meeting

October 8, 2019

Lozano Golf Center

Host: Javier Martinez

7:15 Registration

8:00 Golf

12:30 Lunch

1:00 Meeting & Education

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August Meeting Report

Thank you Mason Miller for hosting our August meeting and getting a delicious BBQ lunch setup. It was the best turnout we've had in a while. A big thanks to our meeting sponsor Horizon Distributors. We appreciate Seth Logan and his manager sponsoring the drinks for us on this hot day. Seth also lined up the education for us. Eric McGinnis with Bonus Crop came and gave us an interesting talk on Fertilizers - What's in the Bag.



Above: John McKay, Pat Neuendorff, Jason Kelley and Eric Loubengeiger.

October Meeting Report

Thanks to Javier Martinez for hosting our October meeting which turned out to be excellent. The golf pro was a huge help and we enjoyed a pulled pork sandwich for lunch. Thank you Javier and staff at Lozano. A big thanks to our meeting sponsor Simplot. Thank you to John McKay for stepping up to sponsor and lining up some great education from Travis Klosterboer. Travis spoke on Turfgrass Health and Stress Management.



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2019 Crew Appreciation Championship

October 14

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ROUND UP

President's Message



Craig Felton
2019 CTGCSA President

With dove season upon us, fall is in the air and this long, hot, dry stretch of summer is nearing the end. I find it ironic that as grass farmers we are so anxious to grow grass in March coming out of winter and YET so dang tired of it come September. This year April, May and June spoiled most of us with abundant rain and mild temperatures and then July smacked us in the face reminding us that its summer time in Central Texas.

Whether it's Poa in the spring, goose grass in the summer or nematodes most anytime, this profession is ever changing and continues to keep all of us on our toes.

Just a few weeks ago, Central Texas lost a couple members (LEGENDS) in our association. Jeff Mathis passed away on August 19th. Jeff was the President of C&M Air Cooled Engine and was a huge supporter of CTGCSA. Jeff lived life "LARGE"! He was a gracious man who contributed to numerous charities and if you were lucky enough to be in his inner circle there was not a better friend in the world.

Just a few days later on August 28th we lost Steve Houser. Steve was simply a farmer and one of the kindest souls you'd ever meet! Steve loved everything about growing something anything! It didn't matter if it was nursery plants, turf grass or vegetables, Steve could do it all with grace and a big ole smile on his face.



2019 Legacy Scholarship Winners

Ms. Alexis Gomez Hardesty
Ms. Lauren Elizabeth Klene
Mr. Cole Lane
Mr. Landry Harris
Mr. Blake Fox
Mr. Carson Wyatt Mobley

Congratulations to you all and job well done. Keep up the good work!

2020 Event Schedule
All Dates Tentative

JAN 20 Mon	all-day January – Education Meeting @ River Crossing Golf Club, sponsored by Helena
MAR 9 Mon	all-day March – Scholarship Tournament /... @ Olympia Hills, sponsored by
APR 20 Mon	all-day April – McClure Match Play @ Kissing Tree Golf Club, sponsored by
JUN 22 Mon	all-day June – Chapter Championship @ Apple Rock at Horseshoe Bay, sponsored by
OCT 12 Mon	all-day October – Crew Appreciation @ Plum Creek Golf Course, sponsored by
DEC 7 Mon	all-day December – Toy Drive @ Twin Creeks Country Club, sponsored by

Congratulations!
To the Inaugural Founders Cup Champions Jarrett Eledge and Matt Cowan
They defeated the runner up team of Reagan and Ryan Olson.
Ken Gorzycki and Rey Gomez captured third place. Congratulations to all of these winners and to all who participated in the event.