



Lone Star Links

The Official Publication of the Lone Star Golf Course Superintendents Association

Stepping out of the shower this morning, on the floor lurked that sneaky, eight-legged creature that makes my family jump on tables screaming. Under the cover of darkness, I just knew he had plans to turn me into Spiderman.

My ADD mind immediately told me I knew what to apply to control him and how I know how to control him. Then that reminded me, October 1st is my 39th anniversary in the golf business and October 10th marks the 28th year at Squaw Valley. Wow! Really?

How did I get here?

I saw a commercial the other day that used the old cliché, *"If you love what you do, you'll never work a day in your life."* Huh. I sure know that I worked. *Did I love what I did?* My golf course life flashed through my mind...the very first day, the dead grass, frozen hands in Montana, bentgrass in Texas, the angry wife, missed this, missed that, I don't own my ranch, I don't have all my toys, I'm not good at golf. All the failures. *Did I love what I did?* The process since the first day, perfect summers in Montana, conversion to ultradwarfs in Texas, the loving wife, great sons, my 1/3 acre ranch, the toys I do have. All the rewards and successes.

Do I love what I do?

On the drive to work, I thought back to the time a little over 2 years ago when I was asked to step through the fence into the world of general managing a golf facility. Crossing to the "other side" was a little scary and for sure uncertain but a challenge. *Do I love what I do?* It is certainly not the same and as self-rewarding as being a golf course superintendent. On the other hand, I have a clearer picture of what is really involved in making a golf course viable while at the same time having the **valuable understanding** of the most important part of a golf course.

Do I love what I do?

Parking my truck in the dimly lit parking lot, mad at myself for letting my superintendent beat me to work again by mere minutes, I think to my son who is applying to a master's program in agronomy so that he can become a superintendent. One day when he was 8, most likely a day when the politics of the job and life were beating me down, he said "dad, I can't wait to be a superintendent like you." I immediately snapped, "no way!" He frowned and quietly asked, "why, too stressful?" I crushed him. *Bad Dad!* Thankfully, dad doesn't know what he is talking about and he is trying to do it anyway. *Will he love what he does?*

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President's Message

Jeff Hansen



Preparing to count the daily cash, I wonder about the future generations of golf course superintendents. *Will they love* that they will beat the sun up in the morning and leave after it sets? Will they understand all of the things that go into perfect greens that most golfers don't understand or care about? Will they understand the effort and patience to become not only a grass grower, but also a mechanic, electrician, irrigator, public speaker, contractor, plumber, planner, and scientist? Will they understand that overwhelming droughts eventually give way to enough rain but still require effort and patience back to perfection? Will they understand they will be part of an exclusive group of great, hard-working people who have access to a world that many people do not? Will my son understand that working hard for success makes the *love* even sweeter?

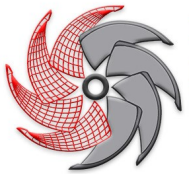
As I the coaxed the first hiss out of the Keurig, turned on the weather, and stared out at the scurry of the maintenance staff in the darkness, I cannot think of another profession that provides all of the avenues of success and knowing that golf course maintenance does. It definitely is work but *Yes I love my job!*

Epilogue

After serious consideration of how I would gift the spider to my still sleeping wife, I applied the proper how.

Cost: Four squares and one flush. (*I'm sure that's per label*)

Benefit: Trail of rambling thought and knowing that the spider will be fertilizing the golf course when it leaves the water treatment plant.



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John Walker @GCSAA_SoCentral · Aug 9
Good meeting with Texas Gulf Coast GCSA at Oso Beach Golf Club in Corpus Christi, Texas.

John Walker @GCSAA_SoCentral · Aug 16
West Texas GCSA President, Blake Law, gets the meeting started at Palo Duro Creek Golf Club in Canyon, Texas.

John Walker @GCSAA_SoCentral · Jun 27
Central Texas GCSA Chapter Championship about to kickoff on the Oaks Course at TPC San Antonio. Teeing off early to hopefully beat the heat.



John Walker @GCSAA_SoCentral · Sep 15
North Texas GCSA members getting education from Rainbird and Longhorn Irrigation at Woodbridge GC in Sachse, Texas.

John Walker @GCSAA_SoCentral · Sep 25
First day of the Texas Trophy is in the books. Over 120 players from all over Texas came to Squaw Valley Golf Club in Glen Rose to see who is the best this year. 2 more days to go.

John Walker @GCSAA_SoCentral · Oct 4
Paul Jacobs with the USGA presents at the South Texas GCSA meeting at the Golf Club of Houston.



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MICHAEL L. UPCHURCH

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Congratulations!

To Lone Star GCSA Vice-President Michael Upchurch who has been selected by the GCSAA Nominating Committee to appear on the ballot for the GCSAA Board of Directors. The election will be held at the Annual Meeting of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023.

Following is the nomination letter from the North Texas GCSA and the background information and career history of the candidate. The information was provided by the candidate to GCSAA.

Good luck Mike!

Thank you for your service!

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GCSAA Nominating Committee Chairman
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Dear GCSAA Nominating Committee,

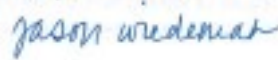
On behalf of the North Texas Chapter of the GCSAA, I would like to formally nominate Mike Upchurch for consideration for the 2023 GCSAA Board of Directors. I have personally witnessed Mike's dedication and commitment to the North Texas chapter since first meeting him a few years ago. In those few years I've come to realize that I've only witnessed a small portion of his impact and work within our organization during his time of service.

Mike's membership and service span the 22 years that he has been a GCSAA member. Serving on local boards as far back as 2003, and as recently as his current service on both the North Texas and Lone Star chapters' board of directors, Mike has taken active leadership rolls. He has also been an active member in several GCSAA task groups, such as the 2019 Technology Task Group, 2018 Scholars Competition Task Group, 2015 Membership Appeals Task Group, and a handful of others. In addition, he has also served as a Grassroots Ambassador for many years and has taken a leading role in our BMP development and adoption process here in Texas.

Aside from his local leadership rolls, Mike has served our chapter in countless other ways by attending and representing North Texas at the national level. His attendance at Chapter Delegates meetings and participation in the GCSAA Leadership Symposiums has demonstrated his commitment to support his chapter and widen the communication channel between the national and local levels.

Thank you for considering Mike Upchurch as a candidate for the 2023 GCSAA Board of Directors. I am excited for the potential to see the hard work and dedication that he has demonstrated in the great state of Texas to be witnessed on the national level at GCSAA. Please accept this letter as my official nomination.

Sincerely,



Jason Wiedeman
 President, North Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association

EDUCATIONAL DATA

Institution	City	State	Degree Date	Major

EMPLOYMENT DATA

Employer	Title of Position	Start Date	End Date
Longview Country Club	Golf Course Superintendent	4/9/2020	
Cherokee County Golf Association	Golf Course Superintendent	4/1/2018	3/23/2020
Carthage Country Club	Golf Course Superintendent	5/12/2015	6/29/2016
Palmetto Country Club	superintendent	6/17/2014	5/1/2015
Tempest Golf Club	Golf Course Superintendent	3/8/2013	6/31/2014
Marshall Lakeside Country Club	Golf Course Superintendent	7/22/2004	3/7/2013
Glen Garden Country Club	Golf Course Superintendent	5/1/2001	7/21/2004
Irving Golf Club	Golf Course Superintendent	1/1/1999	5/1/2001

GCSAA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

PERSONAL DATA

Name: Mr. Michael L. Upchurch	Title: Golf Course Superintendent
Home: 908 E Pinecrest Dr.	Club / Course: Longview Country Club
City: Marshall	Number of Holes: 18
State: TX	Type of Course: Public - Private
Zip: 75670	
Primary Phone: (903)930-2922	Business Phone: (903)759-9251

RESPONSIBILITIES: Recently assuming the role of Superintendent at Longview CC, owned and operated by the Buster Cupit family, I oversee the daily operations out on the golf course. Built in the late 40's this facility has always catered to the blue collar worker and beginning golfers. A public facility with 18 holes and a small crew it is a daily challenge to maintain the facility. I oversee the irrigation,

mowing, fertility and agronomics with limited budget and equipment. I also remain employed at Old Bonita, currently a 5 green 7 tee facility that will eventually become a 9 hole private practice facility for the owner. This course started with one green to chip and putt on and is now 5 with 4 cultivars of grass and lighted so the owner can play at night. A three man crew is responsible for all of the construction and daily maintenance of this property. I keep the irrigation up as well as doing most of the chemical applications. I am responsible for the design work and planning for the future construction of greens and tees. With common bermuda fairways and celebration tees it is fun to challenge the crew to maintain a resort look with the mowing on a daily basis. At both facilities I maintain all of the records as well as the hiring and training of the crews. And for my wife's benefit I always make sure that in the irrigation area there is a package of hot dog buns for irrigation repair and in the chemical room a jar of fairy twinkle to put out when fungus is abound.

500 WORD STATEMENT: From day 1 as a golf course superintendent I have believed in the professionalism of our business. I have always maintained that as a professional you should be apart of you organization. I feel like the best way to achieve your professional goals is to get the backing and knowledge from other and to pass that wisdom to others seeking information from you. This is done through the GCSAA. Serving on committees on both the national and local levels helps to better your confidence in your daily routine by learning from your peers and applying that knowledge at your facility. Growing up on a farm and working with livestock on a daily basis I have always had a passion for the outdoors. Learning to play the game at a early age through my grandfather it only seemed right to pursue a career in the golf industry. In college I quickly came to the realization the i would never beat Jack Nicholas or Arnold Palmer so the front office or outside on the grounds was my options. Glad I didn't get a job behind the desk. I have served on both the local and State boards for the GCSAA and have known several past GCSAA presidents to whom I call friends. I love the Golf Course, weather it is 2am watching the irrigation run or 8pm watching the sun set behind the clubhouse it is always different. There is a inner joy to be able to see a slight refinement of God's creation at the end of the day. I enjoy fishing with my son and spending time with my wife. Learning early in my career the two things that are applied daily at any course that i have been at is, If you do something to one green do it to all of them, it might work. Number two is to have fun, don't kill yourself trying to finish a project that will be there tomorrow. Life is what we make of it. I go every day seeing people who hate their job and life in general. I tell my crew if you are not happy lets find you something that will make you happy. The Golf industry is not for everybody, I am fortunate that it was the right career move for me. I owned several businesses in my early days none of which were as satisfying as the work of being a Superintendent.

CIVIC PARTICIPATION

I am currently a Grassroots Ambassador working with the office of Louie Gohmert. I attend the Catholic church when not at a golf course and work with the local First Tee Program.

GCSAA ACTIVITIES

Committee	Position	Start Date	End Date
2022 GCSAA Scholars Competition Task group	Volunteer	3/1/2022	2/28/2023
2021 Chapter Leader/Executive Symposium	Chapter Leader	10/28/2021	11/10/2021
2021 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/22/2021	10/22/2021
2020 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/24/2020	11/1/2020
2020 Chapter Leader/Executive Symposium	Chapter Leader	2/24/2020	3/19/2020
Technology Task Group	Member Superintendent	3/1/2019	2/28/2020
GCSAA Scholars Competition Task Group	Member Superintendent	3/1/2018	2/28/2019
Membership Appeals Task Group	Member Superintendent	1/1/2015	12/31/2015
Grassroots Ambassadors		7/1/2014	
Conference Education Task Group	Member Superintendent	3/2/2012	3/1/2013
Conference Education Task Group	Member Superintendent	3/2/2011	3/1/2012
Compensation & Benefits Task Group	Member Superintendent	3/2/2010	3/1/2011
Membership Committee	Member Superintendent	3/2/2009	3/1/2010
Membership Committee	Member Superintendent	3/2/2008	3/1/2009

LOCAL CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Chapter	Position	Start Date	End Date
Texas Gulf Coast Superintendents Association	Voting Delegate	2/6/2022	
North Texas GCSA	Secretary	1/15/2022	
North Texas GCSA	Treasurer	1/1/2022	
Lone Star GCSA	Vice-president	12/15/2021	
Lone Star GCSA	Chapter Delegate	8/17/2021	
North Texas GCSA	Voting Delegate	2/3/2021	1/10/2022
Texas Gulf Coast Superintendents Association	Voting Delegate	1/29/2021	1/12/2022
Central Texas GCSA	Voting Delegate	1/29/2021	1/10/2022
Lone Star GCSA	Secretary	12/9/2020	12/15/2021
Lone Star GCSA	Treasurer	12/9/2020	12/15/2021
Lone Star GCSA	Voting Delegate	12/7/2020	
North Texas GCSA	Director	10/5/2020	1/15/2022
Lone Star GCSA	Chapter Delegate	9/25/2020	8/16/2021
North Texas GCSA	Director	12/31/2019	10/5/2020
Lone Star GCSA	Director	12/1/2019	12/9/2020

ALLIED ASSOCIATION DATA

Name	Position	Start Date	End Date

Texas Gulf Coast Superintendents Association



GREENS TALK

Texas Gulf Coast Superintendents Association

Presidents Message

From Robby Jan



I hope this newsletter finds you all doing well. I really hope some of you have been fortunate enough to receive some rain! We were lucky to receive 5 inches within three days here in Laredo, most of it so heavy it rained off, but as they say "Beggars can't be choosers"! As we move into the summer months I know many people will be getting into aerification cycles. I want to wish each of you good luck and hope it goes as smooth for you as ours did recently. This year we did greens, tees and fairways. What all do you poke holes in during aerification? Looking forward, we will be having our next meeting July 12th at River Hills Country Club in Corpus Christi, looking forward to seeing this track and the work of the incredible crew there.

One final thought, it has been a pleasure being at Laredo Country Club for a little over 2 years, but I have been offered a Director of Agronomy position at a property and VP of Agronomics for their management company. The property is in San Antonio, however, I talked with Darlene and informed her that my full intentions are to remain your President, national delegate, and voice to the Lone Star Board. I plan to stay incredibly active in TGCSA and will continue to serve as your President for as long as you all will allow. San Antonio is actually a closer drive for me to most of our meetings, Laredo is a long way from a lot of places!

Thank you,
Robby Jan

Next Meeting

July 12, 2022

River Hills Country Club

Host: Mason Miller, Larry Lara

7:30 Registration

8:30 Golf

12:45 BBQ Lunch

1:15 Meeting & Education

Meeting Sponsor:

Ameriturf

Education: TBD

\$60 for the day

RSVP by July 8th.

tgcsa@tgcsa.org or

361-739-8572

Plan to attend!

Thank you

PMC

& Dale Bowman

for sponsoring the May meeting and providing the education!

March at Laredo

Thank you to **Robby Jan** for hosting the March meeting. And a big **Thank You** to our meeting sponsor, **Harrells**, Justin Hickman. Justin sponsored the meeting and the lunch! Thanks Justin!

Despite the cool weather we had a great turnout. We had 28 golfers plus a few more for lunch and the meeting.

Guests in attendance were Andres Villarreal, Clark Wheatley, Jimmy Vera, and John Aguillon and Fidel Pozos, both with Aguillon Irrigation who rejoined our chapter following the meeting.

We had a very interesting educational session from Kyle Nuss and Hunki Yun, with USGA. They talked about USGA resources for golf facilities and some new technology. GCSAA members received .1 educational points for

attending. Thank you Robby for your help in getting that setup.

Congratulations to **Jamie Kizer** who won the 50/50 drawing and donated his winnings of \$160 back to the chapter.

A big THANKS to our hole sponsors, **Ameriturf**, **Syngenta**, and **BASF**.

Skins Winners:

Seth Smith
Robby Jan (2)
Matt Cowan
Pat Neuendorff
Dan McCann
Chino Miramontes

Each skin paid \$13. It is \$10 to get in the skins game. Sign up before golf at each meeting.



Laredo Country Club

March 8, 2022



Top left: Fidel Pozos, Mike Heard, Eric Loubengeiger, Javier Martinez, Andres Villarreal.

Top right: Jamie Kizer, Efrain Gutierrez, Dale Bowman.

Left middle: Justin Hickman, Matt Cowan, Robby Jan.



Right: Chino Miramontes, Andrew Warren, Clark Wheatley, Danny Gonzalez, Johnny Walker.

March Golf Results

Laredo Country Club

Superintendent Flight

1st - Eric Loubengeiger

2nd - Andres Villarreal

3rd - Lewis Fry

Affiliate Flight

1st - Pat Neuendorff

2nd - Mike Heard

Proximity Winners

#7 Pat Neuendorff

#12 Matt Cowan

#14 Eric Loubengeiger

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May at Champion Lakes

Thank you to **Lee Gravett** for hosting the May meeting. And a big **Thank You** to our meeting sponsor, **PMC, Dale Bowman**. Dale sponsored the meeting and provided an interesting educational session! Thank you Dale!

We had a really good turnout with 27 in attendance for the meeting and lunch.

Guests in attendance were Clark Wheatley; Jimmy Vera; Jeff Hart and Jeff Lyssy who both turned in their membership application at the meeting.

Congratulations to **Lewis Fry** who won \$105 in the 50/50 drawing.

A big THANKS to our hole sponsors, **Ameriturf, Syngenta, Simplot** and **PMT**. One hole wasn't won and will be carried over to the next meeting.

President, Robby Jan attended via Zoom due to meetings with a golf course architect. He and Johnny Walker talked about the BMP's and GCSAA Membership. Complimentary one year GCSAA memberships are available and will allow a new member to take advantage of the BMP tool on the GCSAA website. Contact Robby or Johnny if you are interested in this membership and are not already a member of GCSAA.

It was announced that Seth Smith and Lewis Fry join Robby Jan as TGCSA Lone Star Board Members.

Closest to the hole winners:

- #2 Pat Neuendorff
- #8 Seth Smith
- #17 Lewis Fry
- #14 - no winner



Above: Fidel Pozos, Chino Miramontes, Dale Bowman & Andrew Warren.

Right: Justin Hickman, Efrain Gutierrez, Lewis Fry & Froylan Martinez.

Below: Danny Gonzalez, Tem Miller, Link Windham, Mike Heard.



Champion Lakes Golf Course May 17, 2022

"The best preparation
for tomorrow
is doing your best today."

- H. Jackson Brown, Jr.



July at River Hills Country Club

Thank you to **Mason Miller and Larry Lara** for hosting the July meeting. It was another great meeting. Mason brought in delicious BBQ for lunch for us.

Thank You to our meeting sponsor, **Ameriturf and Brent Ratcliff**. And thank you to our new member, Craig Felton with FMC, for providing the educational session on new products available from your favorite supplier.

Guests in attendance were Alan Phillips from Beeville, and Harrison Karsten with Site One.

The 50/50 pot was really big for a moderate sized crowd. **Craig Felton** won \$140 in the 50/50 drawing and donated it to Larry Lara, the superintendent at River Hills, to share with his crew for the hard work on the course. Thank you Craig for your generosity.

As always, a big THANKS to our hole sponsors, **Ameriturf, Syngenta**, and **PMT**. We appreciate having this added bonus in our tournaments.

Closest to the hole winners:

- #4 Pat Neuendorff
- #6 Robby Jan
- #12 Robby Jan
- #14 - Harrison Karsten



Membership Directories are back from the printer and will be mailed this week. If you don't receive yours, let me know. *Darlene*



Above: Jim Garrett, Danny Gonzalez, Jamie Kizer, Alan Phillips.

Right: Mike Heard, Chino Miramontes, Harrison Karsten, Lewis Fry.

Below: Efrain Gutierrez, Tem Miller, Rod Hruza.



Golf Results

Superintendent Flight

- 1st - Chino Miramontes
- 2nd T - Lewis Fry
- 2nd T - Larry Lara

Affiliate Flight

- 1st - Jim Garrett
- 2nd T - Mike Heard
- 2nd T - Jamie Kizer

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May Golf Results Champion Lakes GC

Superintendent Flight

- 1st - Tem Miller
- 2nd T - Jimmy Vera
- 2nd T - Danny Gonzalez
- 3rd - Lewis Fry

Affiliate Flight

- 1st - Justin Hickman
- 2nd - Mike Heard
- 3rd T - Pat Neuendorff
- 3rd T - Brent Ratcliff

Thank you hole sponsors

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Above: Lee Gravett, Brent Ratcliff, Seth Smith, Johnny Walker.



Having fun at River Hills in July are, left to right: Larry Lara, Johnny Walker, Craig Felton, Brent Ratcliff, Pat Neuendorff, Aaron Hayes, Robby Jan.



Kevin Sunderman, CGCS, named GCSAA chief operating officer

After nearly two decades as a golf course superintendent, Kevin P. Sunderman, CGCS, has been named chief operating officer (COO) for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).



Sunderman comes to GCSAA uniquely qualified for the position, with more than 19 years of experience in professional golf course management, prior experience in the financial services sector, a bachelor's degree from the Ohio State University in turfgrass management and a master's degree in

business administration from Florida Southern College.

He most recently spent 17 years at Isla Del Sol Yacht and County Club in St. Petersburg, Fla, where he was director of grounds. He previously held the superintendent position at Whetstone Golf Club in Caledonia, Ohio, and assistant superintendent position at TPC at Prestancia in Sarasota, Fla.; Snee Farm Country Club in Mount Pleasant, S.C.; and East Lake Woodlands Country Club in Oldsmar, Fla. During his career, Sunderman developed his skills beyond professional golf course management by leading multiple long-range strategic planning initiatives and gaining financial management experience as a Series 7-licensed financial advisor.

After six years on the GCSAA Board of Directors, Sunderman has had deep exposure to the GCSAA headquarters team, including work with the GCSAA Conference and Trade Show, corporate partners, education, diversity, equity and inclusion efforts, advocacy, environmental programs and the GCSAA Foundation.

"When the opportunity arose for Kevin to join the GCSAA team, we knew we had found our next COO," GCSAA Chief Executive Officer Rhett Evans said. "His knowledge of GCSAA and the industry, business acumen and leadership skills provide the association with a speed of transition that will prove advantageous as we expand and enhance the programs and services we deliver to our membership. All members will continue to benefit from his knowledge, passion and dedication."

Sunderman has been a GCSAA member for 21 years and became a certified golf course superintendent in 2019. He is a past president of the Florida GCSA and Florida West Coast GCSA and served on various national GCSAA committees. He was first appointed to the GCSAA Board of Directors in 2017, was elected vice president earlier this year, and was nominated to be GCSAA president in 2023. Sunderman will relinquish his position on the board to become COO. The transition of Sunderman's Board responsibilities and details regarding this process will be announced in upcoming communications.

"I am extremely excited to be joining GCSAA as the COO. Being a member of the association has had a tremendous impact on my life and career as a golf course superintendent," Sunderman said. "From the time I first served on a chapter board to the GCSAA Board of Directors, it was always about service and leadership. That hasn't changed. This gives me the opportunity to continue to serve the industry that has meant so much to me in a new way."

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Sunderman succeeds outgoing COO Bob Randquist, CGCS, who is retiring Oct. 15 after four and a half years on the staff and 46 years as a GCSAA member. As COO, Sunderman will be responsible for managing a broad and complex array of functions and facilitate multiple projects to meet the objectives of the association. While he will represent GCSAA and maintain relationships with industry and allied partners, his main focus will be on internal stakeholders and being an integral part of the headquarters' culture.

"The past six years serving on the GCSAA board provided me with valuable opportunities to develop relationships with GCSAA Chapter leaders, as well as to meet, listen and learn from many GCSAA members while expanding my knowledge of the great way GCSAA staff serve our members," Sunderman said. "As COO, I am looking forward to using these insights to guide the GCSAA team in providing benefits that will have a true impact on the lives of our members. I appreciate everyone at Isla Del Sol Yacht and Country Club; they are a wonderful group of people that I will truly miss."

Sunderman, whose family includes his wife, Melani, son, Trent, and daughter, Elise, will relocate from Florida to Kansas for his new role at GCSAA headquarters. He will begin his tenure as COO on Nov. 7.



Congratulations and Good Luck!

Bob Randquist CGCS is a good friend and colleague to many members of the Lone Star GCSA. We all wish him a happy retirement and thank him for his many years of service to the GCSAA!



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October 4, 2022

What's New

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

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HERITAGE LINKS CUP WINNER ANNOUNCED

UPCOMING EVENTS

WHAT'S NEW IN 2023?!

International "Thank a Golf Course Superintendent Day" coming September 13

Celebrate golf course management professionals with support on social media using #ThankASuper

GCSAA, in conjunction with other global superintendent groups, is recognizing those who help keep golf courses enjoyable and sustainable with an international "Thank a Golf Course Superintendent Day," encouraging all those who love golf to thank their course's superintendent. "Thank a Golf Course Superintendent Day" 2022 will be celebrated Sept. 13, which is also GCSAA's 96th anniversary.



TEE TO GREEN

Golf Results for March 22, 2022 Meadowbrook Farms Golf Club Hosted by: Doug Browne

1st Place Gross Team

Steve Gilley, Tanner Chrasteky, Justin Lonon, Davis Wagner

2nd Place Gross Team

Chris Webster, Brian Johnson, Jeffrey Kuder, Josh Truelove

1st Place Net Team

Jeremy Lewis, Eric Glover, Corby White, Brad Seiler

2nd Place Net Team

Scott Dotson, Cody Skarpa, Jason Barrington, Scott Sipes

Proximities

CTP #6 – Patrick Carpenter

CTP #8 – Jesus Polio (sponsored by Reladyne – Thank you!)

LD #4 – Jim Garrett

LD #5 – Tyler Spencer

THE CLUB AT CARLTON WOODS TO HOST THE CHEVRON CHAMPIONSHIP

The Chevron Championship has entered a new chapter in Houston. The LPGA and IMG are excited to announce today that the Jack Nicklaus Signature Course at The Club at Carlton Woods has been selected as the new home to the major championship, which will be held April 20-23, 2023.

Carlton Woods was selected as the new home of the championship, following an exhaustive process, with every aspect of the player and spectator experience in mind. With its award-winning Championship course designed by Jack Nicklaus, accompanying world-class facilities and enthusiastic leadership team, Carlton Woods will serve as an ideal new host venue for the next chapter of the LPGA's first major of the season.



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Thank you for the Marian Takushi GIS Scholarship

"Thank you to STGCSA for selecting me for the Marian Takushi GIS Scholarship to attend the GCSAA Conference and Trade Show in San Diego. It was valuable time networking with peers and receiving worthwhile education. The educational offerings were extensive enough that I had a hard time deciding on which sessions to attend. The kick-off on the USS Midway was impressive. Having a party on the right deck and watching 3 parachutes hit a mark the size of my office desk was awesome. As our Chapter Delegate, I represented us at the Annual Meeting, which was my first one attending and it was energizing to be a part of the process of electing our national board. Attendance was down this year compared to years past, but it did not feel that way and everyone who was there seemed truly happy to get to attend in person, plus the weather was outstanding. I definitely recommend applying for the Marian Takushi Scholarship. It takes the financial burden off you personally of attending the show if your club does not budget for you to go."

Sincerely,
Kyle Brown

Thank you for the Marian Takushi GIS Scholarship!

"I am truly grateful for the opportunity to attend this year's GCSAA Conference and Trade Show. It had been a while since I had been able to attend and this was an opportune time to get back. The amount of networking is ideal at the show, seeing fellow superintendents, vendors, and distributors in a focused location that helps our operation back at the golf course. Thanks to GCSAA for putting on the tradeshow and education while COVID-19 protocols were still in place. Everything was handled expediently and quickly. The education was diverse and plentiful; a variety of topics to choose from that included topics that we were able to dive deep on, as well as shorter, lighter topics to keep things interesting and fun. The trade show itself allowed chances to see new and innovative products, while seeing many people face to face that we haven't met in person, or to reconnect with others. Lastly, thanks to South Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association and for the Marian Takushi Scholarship that gave me this rewarding opportunity."

Sincerely,
Steve Vaughn

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Annual Scholarship Tournament & Live Auction Results

High Meadow Ranch Golf Club
April 19, 2022
Host: Steven Chernosky

GROSS	NET
1 st Place - 55 Tanner Chrasteky, Justin Lonon, AJ Pursley, Steve Gilley	1 st Place - 44.5 Brian Sigler, Kevin Hill, Seth Johnson, Geoff Leary
2 nd Place - 57 Cody Spevrey, Matt Malloy, Jackie Smith, Steven Flor	2 nd Place - 46.25 Willy Ploewman, Mark Hoag, Daisy Cherry, Michael LaGace
3 rd Place - 57 Pat Johnston, Travis Klosterboer, Jim Brown, Tony Bowers	3 rd Place - 46.5 Ben Dickerson, Reese Shaw, Reed Weaver, James Kenneson

Proximity Winners

#1 CTP 2nd Shot - Carl Tolbert	#5 CTP 2nd Shot (Pro) - Herbert Day	#14 CTP 2nd Shot - AJ Pursley
#2 LD - Robert Simmons	#9 CTP - Michael LaGace	#15 CTP 2nd Shot - Brian Sigler
#3 CTP 2nd Shot - Steve Gilley	#10 TD - Jim Brown	#16 CTP - Ryan Rosecrans
#4 LD - Willie Harper	#11 CTP - Jamie Kizer	#17 CTP 2nd Shot - Shawn Freeman
#5 CTP (Pro) - Herbert Day	#12 CTP 2nd Shot - Tony Bowers	#18 CTP 2nd Shot - Justin Lonon
#6 CTP 2nd Shot - Jim Brown	#13 LD - Tyler Dumbart	#18 Longest Putt - Bill Abetz
#7 CTP 2nd Shot - Travis Klosterboer		

Thank you to Steven Chernosky & Staff for another great event!

Golf Results for May 23, 2022

Meeting & Education

Sand Hill Farm

Hosted by: Brian Johnson

1st Place Gross Team

Chris Webster, Ryan Heinrich, Chris Mrosko, Tim Huber

1st Place Net Team

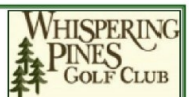
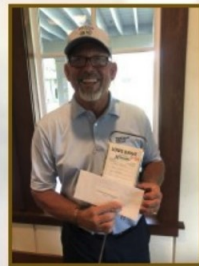
Pat Neuendorff, Aaron Cox, Charles Crandal, Richard Kane

Proximities

LD - Pat Neuendorff

CTP - Tim Phillips

CTP - Richard Kane



Whispering Pines Golf Results

Superintendent/Pro - Member/Member Tournament

July 6, 2022 Host: Michael Dieckhoff

Gross:

Supt/Pro Division

1st - 68
Cody Fisseler
Colton Escamilla

2nd - 68

Garrett Barnes
Casey Russell

Gross:

Mbr/Mbr Division

1st - 68
Steven Chernosky
Richard Kane

2nd - 70

Terry Westbrook
Grady Randle

Net:

Supt/Pro Division

1st - 64
Tim Phillips
Shaun Donnelly

2nd - 66

Jeff Smelser
Donnie St. Germain

Net:

Mbr/Mbr Division

1st - 67
Pat Neuendorff
Adam Hess

2nd - 67

Blayne Sparks
Robert Simmons

Proximity Winners

Closest to Pin	Longest Drive	CTP 2nd Shot
#3 (Pros Only) - Shaun Donnelly	#7 (0-12.9hc) - Robert Simmons	#4 (Pros Only) - Colton Escamilla
#8 (0-12.9hc) - Russ Cobb	#7 (Pros Only) - Casey Russell	#6 (13+hc) - Wade Warmes
#15 (0-12.9hc) - Scott Dotson	#10 (13+hc) - Allen Plagens	#7 (0-12.9hc) - Blayne Sparks
#15 (13+hc) - Heath Wisdom	#12 (Pros Only) - Emile Asous	#9 (13+hc) - Tim Phillips
#16 (13+hc) - Brad Seiler	#13 (0-12.9hc) - Pat Johnston	#11 (0-12.9hc) - Jordan Droll
#16 (Pros Only) - Adam Creed	#13 (13+hc) - Jim Garrett	#18 (Pros Only) - Casey Russell



Golf Results for June 20, 2022

Meeting & Education

Deerwood

Hosted by: Terrell Gallman

1st Place Gross Team

Jason Barrington & Pat Neuendorff

2nd Place Gross Team

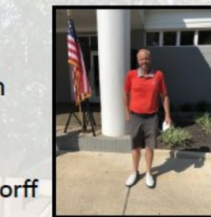
Tanner Chraesteky & Kody Key

1st Place Net Team

AJ Pursley & Justin Lonon

2nd Place Net Team

Carter Hindes & Garrett Bastardi



Proximities

LD - Jim Brown

LD - Ben Hutchins

CTP - Chad Davis

CTP - Wade Warmes



Golf Results for 2022 Member/Guest/Guest/Guest

Memorial Park

August 16, 2022

Hosted by: Parker Henry

1st Place Team Gross

53 - Paul Gamino, John Stark, Robert Simmons, Michael Barrerra

2nd Place Team Gross

55 - Chris Webster, Ben Fischer, Rex Vanhoose, AJ Pursley

1st Place Team Net

52.4 - Scott Dotson, Terrell Gallman, Davis Wagner, Tanner Chraesteky

2nd Place Team Net

53 - Willie Hoppe, John Freeman, Shawn Freeman, Jack Metcalf

Proximities

#1 LD (0-12.9) - Robert Simmons
#1 LD (13+) - Joe Kilpatrick
#2 CTP (13+) - Terrell Gallman
#14 LD (0-12.9) - Tony Neuendorff
#14 LD (13+) - Ed Schultheis
#15 CTP (0-12.9) - Brandon Brock
#15 CTP (13+) - Tom Hargrove

A Great Event in Glen Rose!



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Thank You to all Participants and Sponsors!



**Host Course
Squaw Valley
Glen Rose, TX**

Scoring Summary

Championship Flight

1st Place Gross - Chris Edmonson 134
2nd Place Gross - Steve Gilley 139
3rd Place Gross - Ed Martinez 140

1st Place Net - Brody Dillard 132
2nd Place Net - Aaron Clary 136
3rd Place Net - Cash Lane 140

1st Flight

1st Place Gross - Rogelio Denova 151
2nd Place Gross - Jake Snyman 154
3rd Place Gross - Wayne Slaton 154

1st Place Net - Ryan Heine 138
2nd Place Net - Paul Gamino 139
3rd Place Net - Peter Williams 141

2nd Flight

1st Place Gross - Tony Leblang 160
2nd Place Gross - Blayne Sparks 162
3rd Place Gross - Sean Wilson 167

1st Place Net - Russell Tippie 133
2nd Place Net - Dan Wegand 141
3rd Place Net - Mike Upchurch 142

Affiliate Flight

1st Place Gross - Chuck McCaskill 145
2nd Place Gross - Chris Webster 146
3rd Place Gross - James Hockman 146

1st Place Net - Brent Ratcliff 134
2nd Place Net - Mike Epps 138
3rd Place Net - Jim Garrett 138

Shootout

1st Place - Ed Martinez, Jared Heine, Mike Mathis
2nd Place - Todd Gilmour, Jeff Hansen, Jordon Roberts
3rd Place - Charlie Trammell, Jim Brown, Sean Wilson

Sunday Mixer

1st Place Gross - Dale Miller & Brody Dillard 58
2nd Place Gross - Chris Webster & Jason Barrington 60
3rd Place Gross - Jason Kelley & Anthony Nash 62

1st Place Net - Russell Tippie & Charlie Thames - 48
2nd Place Net - Cody Spivey & Chris Hendrickson - 49
3rd Place Net - Pat Neuendorff & Doug Browne - 52

Team Statistics

1st - North 852 points
2nd - Central 892 points
3rd - South 910 points



Thank you to all of our participants and sponsors for making this a terrific event!

Congratulations to all of our great 2022 Champions!

Check out lsgcsa.org and the Winter issue of Lone Star Links for complete coverage and pictures from the event.

Our hosts - Jeff Hansen, Trevor Ogden and the entire Squaw Valley team knocked it out of the park! Thank You!

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2022 Chapter Championship
Golf Results

#1 Superintendent Flight

1 st gross	Brody Dillard	1 st net	Ryan Heine
2 nd gross	Stuart Rowland	2 nd net	Jeff Visser
3 rd gross	Wayne Slaton	3 rd net	Reagan Olson

#2 Superintendent Flight

1 st gross	Ken Gorzycki	1 st net	Alex Rodriguez
2 nd gross	Brian Acosta	2 nd net	Robert Gann
3 rd gross	Steve Karsh	3 rd net	Rey Gomez

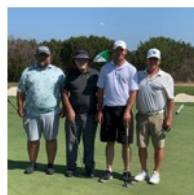
Affiliate Flight

1 st gross	Matt Cowan	1 st net	Gary Wilson
2 nd gross	Dale Miller	2 nd net	Link Windham
3 rd gross	Maury Miller	3 rd net	Dennis Klene

Proximity Winners

CTP #16	Craig Felton	CTP #13	Ken Gorzycki
CTP #7	Maury Miller	CTP #3	Link Windham
LD #15	Matt Cowan	LD #9	Ken Gorzycki

2022 Chapter Championship Wrap-Up



A few of the teams and winners from the 2022 Chapter Championship. Congratulations to all the winners.

The 1st place gross and net winners will receive entry into the Texas Trophy in September.

Brody Dillard
Ryan Heine
Ken Gorzycki
Alex Rodriguez





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Chapter Connect

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NTGCSA Chapter Championship

Thanks to all that joined us for the 2022 Chapter Championship! Texas Rangers Golf Club was an incredible host and our golfers were rewarded with great playing conditions!

This year's superintendent champion is Ed Martinez. Tyler Ellis repeated as assistant superintendent champion and Austin Brown is our affiliate champion.

Big thanks to our Platinum sponsor Helena and Gold sponsor EZ-Go Cushman for helping us to put on a great event!



Flight Results

Superintendent Flight - Gross

1. Ed Martinez
2. Frank Darnell
3. Charlie Trammell

Superintendent Flight - Net

1. Michael Moore
2. Aaron Schick
3. Cody Crowther

Assistant Flight - Gross

1. Tyler Ellis
2. Carlos Lara
3. Greg Jones

Assistant Flight - Net

1. Carlos Lara
2. Tyler Ellis
3. Greg Jones

Affiliate Flight - Gross

1. Austin Brown
2. Drue Thompson
3. Kody Key

Affiliate Flight - Net

1. Hunter Elwood
2. Jeff Smith
3. Chris Swain

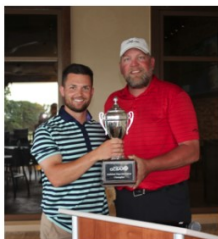
Proximity Winners

Closest to the Pin on Hole 3
Ryan Rogers

Closest to the Pin on Hole 6
Tony Bevalo

Closest to the Pin on Hole 11
Johnny Walker

Longest Drive on Hole 8
Neil Packard



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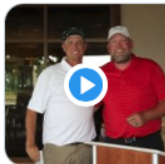
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Thank those who make the golf course the perfect escape in today's world:
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Thanks to all that joined us for the 2022 Chapter Championship! Congratulations to Superintendent Champion Ed Martinez, Assistant Champion Tyler Ellis and Affiliate Champion Austin Brown. Event photos at:



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2022 Chapter Championship

Explore this photo album by Shannon Phillips on Flickr!



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And they're off! The 2022 NTGCSA Chapter Championship is underway!



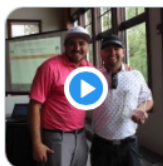
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Thanks to all that joined us for the 8th Annual Stephen Best Pro/Super Memorial Golf Tournament. Big thanks to platinum sponsor Professional Turf Products for helping to make this event great! Event photos can be seen at [flic.kr/s/aHBqjzQVg6](#).



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2022 Stephen Best Memorial Tournament

Explore this photo album by Shannon Phillips on Flickr!

Have you visited [ntgcsa.org](#) lately? We're super excited about our revamped Web site and all of it's new features and functionality! Be sure to check it out!

North Texas GCSA @NTGCSA · Jun 8

Congratulations to NTGCSA member @TonyBevolo on being among the first to achieve the CTEM designation!

GCSAA @GCSAA · May 27

Huge congratulations to Anthony Bevolo, CTEM, & Justin Prescott, CTEM, on their accomplishment as the first two individuals to achieve the Certified Turf Equipment Manager designation — the highest recognition that can be achieved by turf EM professionals.
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North Texas GCSA @NTGCSA · Aug 4
I spy several NTGCSA member courses on this list!

GCSAA @GCSAA · Aug 3
Facility BMP champions: GCSAA congratulates the more than 1,200 courses around the country that have created their facility BMP manual in GCSAA's Planning Guide.
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Great day of education yesterday! Thank you to all who attended and especially to platinum sponsor Harrell's for sponsoring and organizing the event.



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EPA partners with GCSAA

The memorandum of understanding addresses best management practices, sustainability and improvements to air and water.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency signed a partnership agreement today with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) pledging a commitment to environmental stewardship and environmental sustainability on golf courses everywhere.

"Our biggest advances in protecting human health and the environment come from working together," said EPA Mid Atlantic Regional Administrator Adam Ortiz. "This partnership with GCSAA will go a long way in benefitting surrounding communities while also enhancing our ongoing dedication to greenspaces, clean water and healthy air."



During an event at the Langston Golf Course in Washington, D.C., officials from EPA and GCSAA signed a Memorandum of Understanding that enhances their joint commitment to share information on environmental issues, best practices and industry challenges to promote best management practices on golf properties to protect and enhance the environment.

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“This partnership between the EPA and GCSAA is the culmination of decades of collaboration and environmental stewardship on golf courses,” said GCSAA Chief Executive Officer Rhett Evans. “By implementing science-based best management practices, golf course superintendents have made these public greenspaces more sustainable than ever before.”

The MOU outlines partnership opportunities for the following priority EPA areas:

- Environmental Stewardship, including controlling storm water run-off and sustainability
- Environmental Justice
- Improved pollinator sites
- Children’s and Public Health
- Environmental and STEM Education

GCSAA is the professional association for the men and women who manage and maintain the game’s most valuable resource — the golf course. With 19,000 members worldwide, the association’s mission is to serve its members, advance their profession and improve communities through the enjoyment, growth and vitality of the game of golf.

Some of the key practices golf courses engage in include controlling stormwater runoff, establishing more pollinator sites to improve bee habitats, preserving public greenspace and sustainable pest management.



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**GAINES CO. MEETING**

R-1: Board meeting; Sheri Poole helping with registration; VP Blake Law presiding over the general meeting.

R-2: VP Blake Law presenting host Scott Nichols with plaque; Johnny Walker, GCSAA, giving an update; Ric Martinez of Pump Mechanical Technical Services providing education.

R-3: Pump station servicing education; new member David Gonzales wins split-the-pot; thanks to Dusty Daniel and BWI for hosting our lunch.

**GAINES COUNTY GOLF RESULTS**

TL: First place team: Brock Schroeder, Terry Todd, Fuzz Herridge, Nathan Herzer

TR: 2nd place team: Kenny Dierschke, Jake Wylie, Riley Herridge, Dave Birrer, Jim Garrett

ML: 3rd place team: Jamie Kizer, Spencer Hill, Dusty Daniel, Caleb Stricklin, Gene Everheart

MR: 4th place team: Tim Klein, Billy Little, David Gonzales, Fore Brown

BL: Kyle Erdige, Blake Law, James Stow, Jessie Hunt

BR: Chase Thatcher, Joseph Stevenson, Chip Thrasher, Johnny Walker, Chad Thummel

Proximity Prize Winners: CTP-B. Little, B. Schroeder, C. Stricklin, K. Dierschke; LD-B. Little

SNYDER MEETING

R1-Pres. Scott Nichols opens the general meeting and Mary Haun was able to attend; Alex Scarborough of Tom's Tree Place presents the education; Fore Brown gives membership report.

R2-Members enjoying the awesome lunch provided by Martin Garcia; Bob Banner, Tyson Kerby and John Haun trading stories; Scott Nichols recognizing host Martin Garcia.

R3-Members learning which trees work best on a West Texas golf course; split-the-pot winner Scott Nichols donated his winnings back to the scholarship fund; Spencer Hill thanks our meeting sponsors.

**SNYDER GOLF RESULTS**

TL: 1st place team: Ray Jennings, Billy Little, Martin Garcia, Sterling Abbott

TR: 2nd place team: Spencer Hill, Tyson Kerby, Gene Everheart, Alex Scarborough

ML: 3rd place team: Gary Wolfe, Howard Loftus, Trey Womack, Chip Thrasher

MR: 4th place team: Joseph Stevenson, Chuck McCaskill, Dave Birrer

BL: Riley Herridge, Kenny Dierschke, Nathan Herzer

BR: Clark Wheatley, Terry Todd, Randy Weaver

Proximity Prize Winners: CTP- Billy Little, Tyson Kerby, Gene Everheart

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

SEPT 19 - Scholarship Tournament
Midland CC
Midland, Tx
Host: Fore Brown
REGISTRATION LINK
Deadline: Sept 14

OCT 24 - Conference Tournament
Meadowbrook GC
Lubbock, Tx
Host: Chad Thummel
(Registration included with
Conference registration)

OCT 25-26-36th Annual West Texas
Turfgrass & Irrigation
Conference & Trade Show
Lubbock Civic Center
Lubbock, Tx
Host: WTGCSA
Host Hotel: MGM Elegante
REGISTRATION LINK

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SEPTEMBER 19 - MIDLAND CC
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CONGRATULATIONS 2022 FALL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Kolt Dierschke	Mason Newkirk
Konner Erdige	Callie Ogden
Jake Gowdy	Jaide Roberts
Kade Keeling	Taytum Stow
Kaden Kerby	Scout Thrasher
Mason Kerby	McKenzi Thummel
Brennan McCaskill	Victoria Winkler
Corynne McCaskill	

Best Wishes To All!

CANYON MEETING

TR: VP Blake Law presents PDC Superintendent John Haun with host appreciation plaque and then President's plaque for 2013-14; John giving wise words of advice.

MR: Dr. Joey Young, TTU, presenting the education session; members enjoying the general meeting; split-the-pot winner Gary McLaughlin of PDC.

BR: Members visiting and trading stories during lunch; big thanks to lunch sponsor PTP and beverage cart sponsor Pro Chem; vendor reps Tyler Rich-Pro Chem and Trey Adams-PTP. We appreciate your support of this meeting!



CANYON GOLF RESULTS

TL: 1st place: Brock Schroeder (PDC) & Trevor Elliot (Barenbrug)

TR: 2nd place: Gary McLaughlin (PDC) & Chip Thrasher (Pro Chem)

ML: 3rd place: Kenny Dierschke (Yoakum Co) & Tyler Rich (Pro Chem)

MR: 4th place: Joe Wilson (PDC) & Field Spencer (Winsupply Irrigation and Landscape)

BL: 5th place: Fuzz Herridge (Harrells) & Bart Howard (Tascosa Golf Club)

BM: 6th place: Spencer Hill (Lubbock CC) & Chad Scott (Amarillo CC)

BR: 7th place: Mark Cohorn (Bayer) & Jared Hotchkiss (Wichita Falls CC)



Thanks to Aquatrols for sponsoring proximity prizes:
CTP:

2: Spencer Hill-hole-in-one!

#13: Blake Law

LD:

9: Philip Davis

LS:

#15: Mark Lee

Thanks to John Haun for personally sponsoring:

Team Skin:

4: B. Schroeder & T. Elliott

There were no winners for the other proximity prizes, so John graciously donated the remaining money to the scholarship fund. Thanks John!

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AgriLife Extension turfgrass specialist to expand Hispanic outreach

Texas green industry workers to have more access to Spanish training

Manuel Chavarria, Ph.D., hopes he can do something as a new Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service turfgrass specialist that hasn't been done in Texas – training the large population of workers in the green industry who are primarily from the Hispanic community.

“When I started my doctorate at Texas A&M University, I realized I was the first Latin person to study for a doctorate in turfgrass here,” Chavarria said. “Now I consider myself a leader ... there are only a few Latin faculty in the U.S. in this industry. I want to break down any perceived boundaries in a good way to boost the program and bring more people to it. I can now cover 100% of the people because I can present to both English and Spanish-speaking people.”

Chavarria rejoined the Texas A&M Department of Soil and Crop Sciences in August as an assistant professor. Five years ago, he worked as a postdoctoral research associate in turfgrass management and physiology for a year at Texas A&M before taking positions in turfgrass management in Canada and Florida.

He said Texas A&M gave him a unique training he didn't have in Mexico when he sought out higher education opportunities. Now he wants to provide that same kind of unique outreach to the turfgrass labor force in Texas.

“I was raised under a Mexican-Spanish mixed culture in my house. We loved watching soccer games on weekends, and I always loved to see the fields. After

finishing my bachelor's degree in Mexico, I wanted to get involved with sports fields, but Mexico didn't offer such a degree. So, I researched the profession and degree programs and found Texas A&M.”

He earned his bachelor's degree in natural resources and master's degree in forestry and rangelands, both from the University of Chapingo, Mexico, before earning his doctorate in molecular and environmental plant sciences, studying turfgrass stress physiology at Texas A&M.

Breaking down the barriers, expanding the outreach Chavarria said while he likes to work on the sports fields, even expanding to understand more sports fields like golf and baseball, he understands there is so much more he can do within and for the industry.

“While getting my doctorate, I learned there is more to the turfgrass industry than sports fields,” he said. “I learned about landscaping and the homeowner aspects in the turf industry; turfgrass is everywhere and has monumental benefits. Also, it's a huge business in the U.S.”

Manuel Chavarria, Ph.D., is a new Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service turfgrass specialist who will expand programs into Hispanic communities. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Beth McClosky)



As a physiologist, his research is focused on abiotic stresses. A major issue now is water conservation, so he is helping evaluate new turf varieties that can tolerate recycled or salty water.

And while he plans to continue to do research, “my main goal is to reach more people.” As a bilingual speaker, Chavarria said he wants his niche to be reaching out to Spanish speakers in the industry.

He said Texas statistics show as much as 48% of the population are Spanish-speaking and represent a large part of the workforce in the green industry.

In the green industry, the owners and managers are typically English speakers, but the workers are Hispanic.

“They are the ones doing the fieldwork and need the training,” he said. “They don’t have access to the training and information because there is a language barrier. I want to be able to translate the information into both English and Spanish to cover more people in the state of Texas.”

Chavarria said the workers are not the ones who typically come to Texas A&M to take the courses offered or attend the field days, so he will concentrate on reaching out to them and providing education in both English and Spanish.

He said he plans to travel throughout the state to present more seminars and workshops in both languages, whether to Master Gardener groups or at county field days. He can be reached at manuel.chavarria@ag.tamu.edu for scheduling.

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