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South Texas Chapter
GCSAA
GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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Out of Bounds:

Tree installation and management on Houston golf courses

By Dr. Anthony Camerino

Having traveled around Houston visiting golf courses for the past three years, I have observed some similarities in tree management on golf courses in our region. In particular, the similarities are:

- Trees tend to be all of one age class at a particular location.

When large trees are present, typically they are over-mature. Because these trees are the same age, they will likely start to decline at the same time. Promoting diversity in age-class is an important principle in maintaining a consistent tree canopy in urban landscapes.

- When trees are planted on golf courses, I have noticed larger

plant material is preferentially installed. The trees are often placed as “islands” in a “sea” of turfgrass. Larger trees planted in open areas will have a longer establishment period and be more difficult to manage than if groupings of smaller trees are planted. For the price of a single 45-gallon container tree, dozens of small 1-gallon container trees can be purchased. In a commercial forestry setting, pencil-sized trees are planted close together with the expectation that some trees will be lost to drought, disease, insects or thinning. Wouldn't you rather mow around a few large tree groupings than dozens of little islands scattered all over the place?

- Tree species diversity seems to be minimal on most golf

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Past President's Luncheon

The STGCSA's past and present leaders gathered at Champions Golf Club on Sept. 8 to share a bit of brotherhood and views of the Chapter's past and future. Amongst those present were (top left, left to right) host superintendent Charles Joachim, CGCS (President, 1979-80), Mark Monroe (1983-84) and Tom Leonard (1964). To the lower left, left to right, are Mike Caldwell, CGCS (1986-87), Mike Sandburg, CGCS (1999) and George Cincotta (2001). At the upper right, Charlie Rizzo (left; 1990) and Doug Browne (2006), and below them, left to right, are Lee Gravett (2009), Justin Shulse (2007) and (Terry Gill 2003).



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I've said it before, and I'll say it again . . . the work it takes to operate the South Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association successfully never really stops. If you've never served on the Board or volunteered to work on a committee, that might seem a little hard to believe, especially as we pass through a period of relative inactivity as we've had the past couple of months or so.

And I'll admit, it felt a little strange to go through August and September without a meeting. Missing one month was enough, but that wasn't part of our master plan. Instead, that happened because we had to relocate the Superintendent/Pro tournament and that forced the tournament into July from August.

We had, however, planned to skip September throughout the year. Part of the reason was because September is always busy with the Texas Trophy. And, as a matter of fact, our September meeting has always attracted the fewest attendees of any of our gatherings. We thought taking the month off might allow more of our members to take part in that event. This year's tournament is taking place even as I write this column, so I can't really report on how well our theory worked yet. I'll try to do that next month.

But back to the subject at hand . . . the work never really stops. For the second time this year, we were forced to change plans for one of our events. This time around, the changes involve our annual Christmas Party and Awards Banquet.

Thankfully, we had reached only a tentative agreement with the original host site and the news had not spread throughout the membership. Even so, Marian Takushi, myself and several other

of our Board members spent a little extra time facing down the "surprise attack" last month, and in the end, Terry Gill and his club came through for us . . . the 2010 Christmas Party and Awards Banquet will take place the evening of Dec. 10 at BraeBurn Country Club.

The details can be found on the opposite page and on our web site, so I'll save the space here. I just wanted you to note the change and to take notice of the work that's done on behalf of you and all the members of the STGCSA.

It's particularly appropriate to point that out at this point, I think, given that our Annual Meeting and Election is coming up next month (Terry Gill's hosting that, too). There are capsules of biographical details about each of the candidates for our offices and Board of Directors, and I think we can be proud of having members who are willing to step forward in the interest of helping the STGCSA maintain its forward momentum and improve its services to our membership.

If you read my column last month, you saw my description of our recent challenges when it comes to finding members willing and able to serve as our leaders. To those who decided to run, I hope you'll accept the gratitude of the Chapter for your decision. We'll all soon be in your debt.

We have two very important meetings coming up. The first is our regular October Meeting, which will take place Oct. 11 at Evergreen Point Golf Course. That meeting will serve as our second annual Member/Guest event, which, in turn, serves as our outreach to those who might be new members and to those for whom we work. Please find a qualified guest to bring and help us grow . . . details about the gathering can be found on the opposite page, and a description of "qualified guest" can be found on the "Upcoming Events" page of www.stgcsa.org.

The second of those meetings is our Annual Meeting. As mentioned above, it will take place at BraeBurn country Club on Nov. 8 and it will be marked by the election of our 2011 (and beyond) leadership team. Please . . . please . . . make sure you are on hand to listen to each candidate explain why he wants to serve our organization and to register your votes and opinions.

What I'm really calling for you and every STGCSA member to do is become involved. Your leaders can only take you where you want to go, but if you don't want to go anywhere, you'll end up nowhere.

The STGCSA is a great organization that's been blessed with excellent leadership and an active membership that wants the best for the Chapter and our profession. Our future is bright and it will get brighter if more members will decide to help reach our goals. All we . . . and you . . . have to do is work together. Let's do it.



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Annual Awards Banquet and Ceremony

Thursday, December 10, 2010

BraeBurn Country Club
8101 Bissonnet, Houston, Texas 77074
Host Superintendent — Terry Gill

Cost: \$42.50 per person

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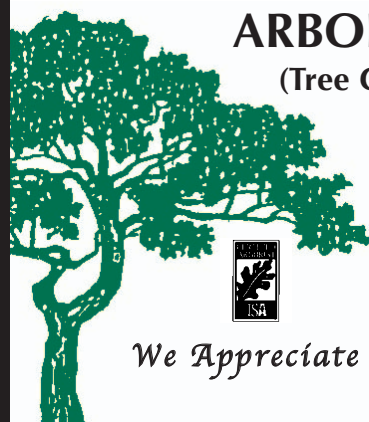
Directions:

From the Southwest Freeway (U.S. 59) south, exit on Bissonnet to the east. Go approximately one mile to the club entrance on the right, or exit on Gessner and go south 1/2 mile and then left on Bissonnet 1/2 mile to club entrance.

2011 conference web site up and running

If you're thinking about attending the 2011 Golf Industry Show in Orlando (Feb. 7-11, 2011), you might want to visit the show's web site at www.golfindustryshow.com to find out why you should be there.

You can also visit the GCSAA Education Conference website (www.golfindustryshow.com/conferences/gcsaa-conference.asp) to learn more about the education and eventsschedule, the GCSAA National Championship and Golf Classic, and resources to help you plan, budget and gain support for your attendance.



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October Meeting

Monday, October 11, 2010

Evergreen Point Golf Course
1530 Evergreen Rd.
Baytown TX 77523
Host Superintendent:
Dennis Klene

Registration: 8:30 a.m. **Lunch:** 11:30-12:30

Meeting Topic:

Steve Nuzzo, Nuzzo Course Design
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Golf: Member/Guest Pick Your Partner
Two-Person Best Ball, After Lunch

Cost: \$55

Please RSVP by June 11 by calling
Marian Takushi at 281-494-0094, by e-mail at
stgcsa@windstream.net or through the direct link
on the "Upcoming Events" page of www.stgcsa.org.

REMINDER:

You must arrive by 9:45 a.m. to play golf

Directions to

Evergreen Point Golf Course:

- Take I-10 East over the San Jacinto River Bridge. Take first Baytown exit - Spur 330.
- Go approximately 4 to 5 miles to Hwy. 146 South. Take 146 South to the West Main exit.
- Turn left on West Main to second traffic light. Take a right on Lee Dr. to Business 146. Cross over both intersections of 146 to Causeway Dr. (Lee Dr. turns into Causeway Dr.).
- Go about 100 yds. and take a left on to Evergreen Road. Clubhouse will be on your left approximately 2 miles.

Coming Up Next!

November 8

2010 Annual Meeting
BraeBurn Country Club

Host Superintendent: Terry Gill

2010 South Texas GCSA Candidates for Office

PRESIDENT

Wade Warme, CGCS

Golf Course Superintendent, The Golf Club at Cinco Ranch



"I have been an active member of the STGCSA for 13 years now. The friendships that I have made through this organization are extremely important to me. This is a wonderful group of people in our business and the relationships that continue to be created are valuable to all of us as well as our employers. I am very proud to be able to serve our organization as President in 2011! I am looking forward to a great year!"

Association Experience: Certified Golf Course Superintendent; STGCSA Vice-President; STGCSA Secretary/Treasurer, 1 year; STGCSA Board of Directors, 6 years; Education/Scholarship Committee;

4 years; Public Relations Committee, 1 year (chairman, 1 year); STGCSA member, 13 years; GCSAA, 15 years; Texas Turfgrass Association, 13 years; Lone Star GCSA, 13 years.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Mark Haven

Associate Director of Recreational Sports
Texas A&M Golf Course &
Recreational Sports Intramural Fields

"This is a challenging time for the golf course industry. Our association with others in similar situations is good medicine for the mind, body, and spirit. I have served this association with pride and look forward to opportunity to help lead the association through the coming challenges as well as the success stories."

Association Experience: STGCSA Board of Directors, 5 years; Tournament Committee, 5 years (4 years as chairman); STGCSA Member, 17 years; GCSAA member, 12 years; Texas Turfgrass Association member, 17 years.



SECRETARY/TREASURER

Sean Wilson, CGCS

Golf Course Superintendent
The Club at Falcon Point

"I have thoroughly enjoyed being on the board the past three years and am thankful to our membership for letting me serve as a director. I look forward to becoming secretary and continuing my service to the association. We have accomplished a lot during my time on the board and I'll do my best to see that we continue in a positive direction."

Association Experience: Certified Golf Course Superintendent; STGCSA Board of Directors, 3 years; STGCSA member, 5 years; Central Texas GCSA, 8 years; CTGCSA vice-president, 1 year; CTGCSA Board of Directors, 2 years; Lone Star GCSA, 14 years; Texas Turfgrass Association, 14 years; GCSAA, 14 years.



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2010 South Texas GCSA Board of Directors Candidates

Bob Cook

Golf Course Superintendent
Walden on Lake Houston Golf & Country Club



"Golf course maintenance is my passion, providing recreation for others and seeing the fruits of my labor daily is what keeps me going. I would love to serve for a second time on the STGCSA board working, laughing and making new stories."

Association Experience:
Past Board of Directors member, STGCSA, Sierra

Nevada GCSA, Florida West Coast GCSA, Piney Woods GCSA; Certified Turfgrass Professional, University of Georgia 2005; Landscape Industry Certification 2009 – Planet Certified; Speaker on environmental issues at 2009 Golf Industry Conference; STGCSA Member, 1 year; GCSAA Member, 30 years.

Ben Fultz

Golf Course Superintendent
Wildcat Golf Club



"I believe that as a Superintendent, you should be involved with your local association as much as possible. With collaboration and continued education, we can become the best in the business. I think that I can be a valuable asset as a board member for the STGCSA."

Association Experience:
President, Turf Club, TSTC;
Texas Turfgrass Association

Member, 3 years; STGCSA Member, 7 years;
GCSAA Member, 12 years.

Jeff McCrory

Golf Course Superintendent
Quail Valley Golf Course



"I think we should spend more time working with new members coming out of school, because they are the future in this field. I would also like to see more interaction between superintendents during our meetings so we can talk about local problems. I hope I have the opportunity to be able to help the association."

Association Experience: Paramedic and police officer, 1981-92; President, North Texas Paramedic Association, 2 years; Board member, Texas Search and Rescue Team, 3 years; STGCSA Member, 5 years; GCSAA Member, 5 years.

AFFILIATE CANDIDATE

Chris Gillespy

Sales Representative
Turf Materials, Inc.



"Working around golf courses, I get to see what it takes to build and maintain a golf course. As a Board member, I can offer my time and talents to the association, superintendents, and vendors while learning and observing this side golf."

Association Experience: Texas Turfgrass Association Member, 7 years; Texas Sports Turf Association member, 7 years;

Lone Star GCSA Member, 5 years; West Texas GCSA, 7 years; Central Texas GCSA Member, 1 year; NTGCSA Member, 7 years; STGCSA Member, 1 year.

South Texas Chapter

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November 8, 2010 • BraeBurn Country Club

DON'T FORGET!

2010 Turfgrass Disease Clinic & Field Day

The Texas AgrLife Extension Service will conduct its 2010 Turfgrass Disease Day at Royal Oaks Country Club on Oct. 18 and at MurffTurf Farms (in Crosby) on Oct. 20.

“Athletic Turf Management” will be addressed on day one and “Sod Production & St. Augustine Management” on day two. Texas Department of Agriculture Pesticide Application and GCSAA Continuing Education Unit credits will be available to those attending.

Pre-registration information and complete program details can be found on the internet at www.agrilifeeventstamu.edu (search for “turfgrass” once you’re on the site).

Environmental Golf Course Management Field Day

The Club at Falcon Point is hosting the Texas AgriLife Extension Service’s 2010 Environmental Golf Course Management Field Day on Oct. 26.

The cost of attending is \$75, including lunch— GCSAA Continuing Education Units will be available for those in attendance.

Complete program details and registration forms are available within the “Upcoming Events” section of the STGCSA web site (www.stgcsa.org).

Get to know your product labels

Five tips from Kathie Kalmowitz, Technical Specialist for BASF Professional Turf & Ornamentals

1. Get up to speed on mixing order before adding each product to the tank.
2. Pay attention to statements regarding rainfast time and temperature warnings.
3. Combat disease resistance by using group numbers as a guide for product rotation.
4. Understand agriculture and non-agricultural use variations including protective equipment and re-entry intervals.
5. Heed general limitations and restrictions rules to ensure product effectiveness and plant health aren’t compromised.

OUT OF BOUNDS

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courses. Having only a few species of trees on your course increases the possibility that a single event could greatly reduce your “forest.” Just like turfgrass monocultures, tree monocultures promote insect and disease outbreaks. In addition, having a diversity of trees will encourage more types of wildlife. In past articles I have mentioned many tree species that could be utilized, including species that are small in size.

• Planting occurs year round. The best time to plant woody plant material is during the fall, when soils are warm, air temperatures are lower, and rainfall is more likely. Roots will continue to grow through the winter giving your tree a 6-month head start on the hot dry conditions of Texas summers.

The next time it is decided your course needs more trees, make an inventory of what you already have. Make notes of the various tree species, their relative ages and their placement. In general it is more efficient and less costly to plant trees when they are small, in groups, and to have a diversity of species at your facility.

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Click on the "Volunteer Registration" link on the right side of the page and then the "Register" link. There's another link to the "Driving Range/Putting Green"—click on that one and follow the instructions to complete your registration process.

As you are inputting your information, be sure to type (do not cut and paste) STGCSA in the box labeled "Promotion Code" to discount the rate to 50 percent. The STGCSA will pay half the \$65 cost of uniforms for those who participate.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Jenkins in the Administaff Small Business Classic tournament office (281-357-4653 or ajenkins@championstourgolf.com). You can also contact STGCSA members Jeff Smith (281-804-8327), Terry Gill (713-778-3819) or John Maloney (713-823-1820).

Membership Moves

Rebecca Payne has joined the STGCSA. Payne is in Sales and Marketing with The New Nursery, and to her, we say, "Welcome!"

2010 SOUTH TEXAS GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

October 11
Member-Guest
Evergreen Point Golf Course
Host Superintendent: Dennis Klene

November 8
STGCSA Annual Meeting
BraeBurn Country Club
Host Superintendent: Terry Gill

November 29 - December 1
Texas Turfgrass Association
Annual Conference
Fort Worth

December 10
Christmas Party and Awards Ceremony
BraeBurn Country Club
Host Superintendent: Terry Gill

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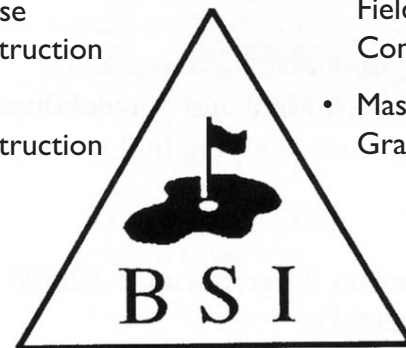
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