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Heart Beat

July 2016

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 11, 2016

S&R Tournament
Kansas City Country Club

August 1, 2016

Employee Tournament
Sunflower Hills Golf Course

August 25, 2016

Fall Classic
(Honoring Past Presidents)
T-Bones Ball Field

September 22, 2016

Vendor Appreciation
Twin Peaks - Olathe

October 3-4, 2016

MO Cup Challenge
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S&R Tournament



The Kansas City Country Club



Loren Breedlove
Host Superintendent

July 11, 2016

Schedule:

9:00 a.m. - Registration
10:30 a.m. - Shotgun
3:30 p.m. - Awards

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President's Message

As I'm writing this we have been experiencing some of the warmest temperatures for June in over four years and it's not even officially summer yet. As Superintendents, the course is never off our minds in the summer. We schedule our next two days, two weeks and two months over and over again in our brains even while trying to enjoy a cold brew on a late Friday afternoon with colleagues. During the hot days of summer, our wives attempt to keep us informed and on time to family activities and we swear to them we are doing our best to pay attention. Our spouses know that they will not truly have their husbands back until the night temperatures once again reach into the 50's. This time of year is known commonly among our wives as "golf course widow season" a time when our bodies may be at home but our minds are always at the course.



Duane Sander, CGCS
Shoal Creek Golf Course

I have been in this business a long time and I am passionate about what I do but everyone needs an escape, something that takes their mind off work even for a little while, mine is boating. It is harder to worry about the course somehow while cruising down the lake in a boat. So, as the days get longer and the nights get shorter and hotter I would ask that everyone try to step back and find time to recharge your batteries.

A big thank you to Andy Klein and Falcon Ridge Golf Course for hosting the combined event and to Reinders for being the Title Sponsor. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the employee tournament in August at Sunflower Golf Course hosted by Jonathan Bennet. Until then, stay cool and keep on watering.

Sincerely,
HAGCSA President
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Membership Committee Report

By Cory Henson, Director

Greetings from the membership committee. Although the final 2016 Membership Roster is currently being published, we still have members joining our great organization this time of year. If you happen to be attending an upcoming event and see a new face, please take the time to welcome them. Our organization can be overwhelming at times for new members to get involved, especially younger assistants or members who are new to our geographic area.



As with many organizations, people continue to join or renew their membership each year because that is what's expected from their workplace or colleagues. I challenge you all to go beyond being a member and set a goal for yourself to attend a certain number of events this year, or meet a certain number of members. Looking over our membership roster, there is a wealth of knowledge and friendship available..the sky is the limit. Be on the lookout for your 2016 Membership Roster.

Welcome to our newest members:

Craig Sager – Green Hills Golf Course
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The Kansas City Country Club

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Superintendent: Loren Breedlove

Loren graduated from Kansas State University in 1979. He has been with KCCC for 37 years, golf course Superintendent the past 32. He is a past president of the HAGCSA - 1991 and currently serves on the S&R Committee. Loren has been married for 34 years to his wife, Barbie.

Assistant Superintendents:

Grant Suderman - Grant graduated from Kansas State University in 2012. He has been with the KCCC for six years, Assistant Superintendent for the past five. He is currently serving as Chairman of the HAGCSA Employee Tournament & Assistant Program committee.

Mitch Bradbury - Mitch graduated from Kansas University in 2001 and from Kansas State in 2007. He was Assistant Superintendent with Overland Park GC for 9 years and has been with KCCC since February 2016. Mitch is a past chairman of HAGCSA Assistant Program and Membership committees and has served on the Rounds4Research and S&R committees. He has been married for 4 years to wife Julia and has a son, Sullivan.

Assistants in Training:

Aaron Stansbury - Aaron graduated from Kansas State University in December 2015. He worked at KCCC as a student intern in golf management during the 2013 summer before joining staff in January 2016.

Logan Slattery - Logan graduated from Kansas State University in May 2016. He has worked at KCCC the past four summers and was a student intern in 2015 before joining full time in May 2016.

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Scholarship and Research Committee Report

By Matthew Delventhal, Director

If you are thinking about playing in the 32nd annual Scholarship and Research Tournament at The Kansas City Country Club on July 11th, 2016, please get your team in. Don't miss the opportunity to play at The Kansas City Country Club. If you can't play, but are still interested in supporting this great tournament, we still have plenty of tee/green sponsorships available and we are also looking for some unique items for our annual live auction. Let's raise

a lot of money for Scholarship and Research and, as always, let's have a great time doing it! Thanks again to our title sponsor Kansas City Turf Supply and I hope to see all of you at KCCC on July 11th, 2016.



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Programs & Tournaments Committee Report

By Brent Stephenson, Director

Thank you to everyone that was able to make it to the Joint Event at Falcon Ridge. The weather didn't cooperate with our event schedule so we had to delay the event and move some things around. We appreciate your cooperation. We did our best to evaluate the weather and I hope everyone was able to make the best of the circumstances.

Dr. Jared Hoyle offered a great presentation for the education portion of the event.

I would like to offer a special thanks to Andy Klein CGCS and the staff at Falcon Ridge for accomodating our event and working with us to make the best of the day. We were able to play nine holes and play a three hole shootout. The weather cooperated once we were able to get on the course.

The winning team in the 9 hole event was Andy Klein CGCS and Wes Kleinsorge with a score of 33. Second place was Shane

Dorsey and Brian Freemand with a score of 35. Third place was Todd Clark and Brent Hugo with a score of 36.

The winner of the three hole shooout was Shane Dorsey. Second place was John Dixon, and third place was Tim Nielsen.

Closest to the pin #5 - John Dixon
Longest putt #7 - Wes Kleinsorge
Longest drive #8 - Shane Dorsey

Thanks again to the HAGCSA and KGCSA members that attended. We hope everyone enjoyed the event.



**Dr. Jared Hoyle,
Kansas State University - Speaker**



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Joint Meeting Attendees



**Andy Klein, CGCS,
Falcon Ridge Golf Course,
Host Superintendent**



Host Course

“A Grass Note”

By Peter Grass, CGCS, GCSAA President

“If you don’t know where you have been, it is hard to know where you should go.” “To move forward, you must look back.” Those are statements that I believe to be true in both your personal life and with an Association such as GCSAA.

Does the name Col. John Morley ring a bell to anyone? It is ok to admit to saying, “who is that,” I did not know much about him before I became part of the GCSAA Board. What is the tie between him, GCSAA and knowing where you should go? Col. John Morley was the driving force and first President of what we know of today as GCSAA. His vision is still true in today’s world and the principles he spoke about when founding our Association still fit into what we do every day whether as members, our staff and also the golfing public. GCSAA is nominating him for induction into the World Golf Hall of Fame.

In 1923, John Morley saw a need for greenskeepers like himself in the local area, to gather, share ideas and generally support each other. He formed the Cleveland District Greenskeepers Association and was

elected their President. Others in the region heard of how well it was working so in 1924/25 he traveled and helped establish similar Associations in New England, Ontario, Michigan and Philadelphia. These were the beginnings of Chapters, but he also saw the need for different regions to gather together and do the same things, share ideas and support each other, on a larger scale. On Sept 13, 1926, at the Sylvania Golf Club in Toledo, OH, the first meeting of what is now GCSAA, the National Association of Greenskeepers of America (NAGA) took place with 31 people in attendance. He was elected President of this group and in his speech he said to always follow these basic principles;

- The Association was to be founded on justice, brotherhood and generous benevolence
- Greenskeeping was to be seen as an art and science and not a labor job
- Only those qualified should care for greens

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- He wished to cement the greenkeepers of the US and Canada into one organization
- He promoted the exchange of information between greenkeepers, the need for a national magazine and annual conference
- He wanted NAGA to provide financial benefit to the families of members who died or were disabled

Since then, there have been two mainstays of the association, an annual meeting with education and a trade show and a magazine. In 1927, the first NAGA Conference was held in Chicago and has taken place every year since, surviving the great depression (despite the Cleveland bank closing, losing all funds), World War II and even more recently Hurricane Katrina and the 2008-09 recession. The magazine started as "The National Greenskeeper" and has changed names few times, becoming the current "Golf Course Management" in 1979.

Mr. Morley served as President from 1926-32, stepping down due to poor health and other duties. He received the title of Colonel from Kentucky Governor Flem Sampson at the 4th Annual Convention & Golf Show of Greenskeepers in Louisville, KY.

As GCSAA Past President Sean Hoolehan described, if Old Tom Morris is the godfather of greenskeeping, then Col. John Morley is the godfather of American greenskeeping. He was given GCSAA's Old Tom Morris award in 2009, the first person not living to receive it, overdue but better late than never.

My point in this history lesson is to show that at least for me and I believe my fellow directors, the principles that Col. Morley spoke about 90 years ago still hold true today. GCSAA still promotes justice for the golf industry and those that work in it, brother and sisterhood and generous benevolence to its members and their families. We provide education and help promote turfgrass management as both art and science. We provide classifications and designations which carry educational and service requirements to achieve. We work very closely with the Canadian GSA and the Ontario GCSA (one of the founding groups) is still one of our 98 affiliated chapters. Our magazine and annual conference are still going strong, serving the needs of our members and the industry.

Hopefully Col. Morley would be proud of where his "vision" has gone and that someday his efforts to protect and promote the "keepers of the greens" will be recognized in the World Golf Hall of Fame. There would be no WGHF without the efforts of the men and women who have followed Col. Morley and that vision which has provided the playing surfaces for them.

PS: Speaking of Golf Course Management magazine, I found most of my historical information about Col. Morley from a December 2008 article by Seth Jones.



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~ ATTENDANCE CONTEST ~

The Tournaments and Meetings/Programs Committee is excited to roll out the new "HAGCSA ATTENDANCE CONTEST". Eligibility is based on the number of qualifying events attended by the HAGCSA Member. All HAGCSA Members are eligible. Those Members with the highest attendance record will be entered into the drawing for the following prizes. The HAGCSA Member must be present at the New Year Party to win.

PRIZES

- Platinum Prize - HAGCSA Logo Yeti 45 cooler (valued at \$450)
 - Gold Prize - GO PRO Hero camera (valued at \$150)
 - Silver Prize - HAGCSA Logo Yeti Coffee Cup (valued at \$50)
- Total value of prizes is estimated at \$600.00.

There will be a sign-in sheet at the registration table that must be signed to prove registration and attendance at each event. The Tournament and Meetings/Programs Committee will be responsible for keeping records of attendees that are eligible for the award. The HAGCSA board of directors will attest the eligible candidates prior to the drawing at the New Year Party. The eligible HAGCSA Members will be drawn from a hat at the New Year Party. The first person drawn will win the platinum prize, the second person drawn will win the gold prize, and the third person drawn will win the silver prize.

This award will be presented January 13th at the Annual HAGCSA New Year Party.

QUALIFYING EVENTS

- Feb 23 - Bowling Event at College Lanes
- March 8 - Shop Talk at Deer Creek Golf Club
- May 4 - Wee One at Tiffany Greens Golf Club
- May 16 - Footprints in Fairways at Ironhorse Golf Club
- May 23 - Joint meeting at Falcon Ridge Golf Club
- July 11 - S&R Tournament at Kansas City Country Club
- August 25 - Past Presidents/Fall Classic Event at the T-Bones
- September 15 - Vendor Appreciation at Twin Peaks in Olathe.
- November 2 - Annual Meeting
- December 12 & 13 - Common Ground at Olathe Conference Center
- January 13 - New Year Party



SCHOLARSHIP & RESEARCH TOURNAMENT

Kansas City Country Club

Host Superintendent: Loren Breedlove

Monday, July 11, 2016

9:00am – Registration
10:30am – Shotgun
On the Course – Lunch
3:30pm – Live Auction

4 Person Scramble

\$750 per team; \$200 for singles

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Scholarship & Research Tournament

~ S&R Mission Statement ~

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Date: Monday, July 11, 2016

Location: Kansas City Country Club
6200 Indian Lane
Shawnee Mission, KS 66208

Host Superintendent: Loren Breedlove

Schedule: 9:00am - Registration
10:30am - Shotgun
On the Course - Lunch
3:30pm - Live Auction & Food/Beverages

Format: Four-person scramble

Cost: \$750 per team; \$200 per single
Encouraged to sign-up as a team.

Dress Code: Country Club Attire - Collared Shirt, **Crew Length Socks**, Soft Spikes and No Jeans/Cargo Pants.

Donation: Please help us reach our fund-raising goal by donating additional funds. Our long-term goal is to raise enough money to allow us to fund an entire research project relevant to golf courses in our region. Your generous help is key to attaining this goal.



Reservation Deadline: Monday, June 27, 2016

YES! We plan to attend the S&R Tournament:

Player: _____ Club/Company: _____

Player: _____ Club/Company: _____

Player: _____ Club/Company: _____

Player: _____ Club/Company: _____

GAMES/CONTESTS (Encouraged to sign-up now to reduce your time in line. We can invoice separately if needed):

- Skins Game - \$25 per team (half the pot goes to the skins winner, the other half goes to the S&R Fund)
 - Bubba Watson Hole - \$25 per team. Your team is given a 350+ yard drive. – Hole #8
 - Hole in One Opportunity - \$25 per team. You receive a hole-in-one if anyone in your group lands on the green. – Hole #14
 - Mulligans - \$25 per team. One mulligan per player.
 - 50/50 Pot - \$1 per ticket (half the pot goes to the ticket winner; the other half to the S&R Fund): _____ # of tickets requested.
 - Additional Donation to S&R Fund: \$_____ (Thank You!)
- (Note: You will also have the opportunity to pay for these games/contests the day of the event.)

Submitted by: _____ Club/Company: _____

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Cell #: _____ E-mail: _____

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- Every member shall take pride in his/her work and regard it as a profession in which all members strive to maintain its good name.
- Realizing that the best asset that a member can have is thorough knowledge of his/her business, he/she shall constantly try to improve his/her knowledge and effectiveness by freely exchanging experiences and ideas with fellow members and take advantage of all opportunities for improvement.
- He/she shall endeavor to maintain courteous relations with his/her employer and his/her associates and endeavor to have his/her employees take pride in doing their work well.
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Attested _____ Date _____

Attested _____ Date _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

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