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President's Message

Another golf season and another Heart year are nearly in the books. I have greatly enjoyed serving as the HAGCSA President this year, with the possible exception of writing these monthly newsletter articles. Over the last 7-8 years that I have served on the HAGCSA Board I have admired and learned from a great group of guys that I have served with and who have taken the reigns before me. While it is very true that much of our association's day-to-day business is handled by Kim Weitzel and WEDA, there are certainly not too many decisions to be made in the HAGCSA President's seat that are going to solve hunger or bring world peace. You do feel a certain weight when you take the helm to not be the one to "mess up" our great association.

I have had the great pleasure this year of working with a group of intelligent, hard-working and dedicated guys on this board. One of the challenges of HAGCSA board service is finding the motivation and time to dedicate to all of the

association duties after putting in long hours at your paying job and carving out some time for family. Somehow all of these guys have gone above and beyond in this challenge. I would like to take this opportunity to call each of the 2015 board members out and thank them for their efforts in making our association even stronger.



- Brent Stephenson chaired the Public Relations Committee and did an incredible job of moving us forward into social media by creating our Twitter account and tweeting out information regularly to keep us informed and connected. Brent and his committee also took over management of our website.

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President's Message - cont.

- Ethan Shamet and his Rounds4Research Committee put a lot of time and effort into soliciting golf rounds and marketing another successful R4R campaign.
- Matt Delventhal and his Education Committee took the initiative and the risk in seeking out and recommending a venue change for our annual education conference in addition to handling all the logistics and legwork involved in lining up great education tracks.
- Andrew Jones and his Scholarship & Research Committee put on a great S&R Tournament at Alvamar this year and continue to look at ways to best serve the true purpose of this event, which is to allow our association to fund scholarships and research that help improve our industry and grow the game.
- Nick Kray has had a successful year chairing the Membership Committee with positive growth in our overall membership numbers in addition to the behind-the-scenes work with Kim to get our roster out and administer our year-end awards.
- Mark Newton, CGCS, and his Meetings & Programs committee has had the unenviable task of trying to put together an annual meeting schedule and programs that draw our membership to our events.
- Jonathan Bennett and his committee put in all the necessary work and planning to host a successful Employee Tournament and develop ideas to further grow this event in the future. He and his committee have also done a great job of putting together worthwhile Assistant Program outings.
- Jeff White, CGCS, has served as our GCSAA Delegate and has helped the Heart's voice be heard by our national association. He has also kept us abreast of regulatory and legislative issues such as WOTUS and National Golf Day. **Continued on next page**

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President's Message - cont.

- Richard Shumate and Wes Kleffner put an awful lot of work into planning another successful Missouri Cup Challenge that provided plenty of fun had by all.
- Andy Klein, CGCS, has done an outstanding job in his role of Secretary/Treasurer of learning the Heart financials inside and out and has worked very hard throughout the entire year in keeping our outstanding association receivables in check.
- Duane Sander, CGCS, continues to put much effort into honoring the memory of his late friend Mark Pierce by organizing and running our annual WeeOne tournament. This event continues to raise more than \$10,000 annually that the Heart donates to this great foundation. The foundation helps our brethren battling serious medical issues and hardships.
- Tim Nielsen has been an important leader of our association for almost a decade now having served all board positions and the last several years as our Heartbeat editor. I cannot say enough about all the work Tim has put into our association through the years that no one sees.
- Todd Bohn likewise has been a beacon for our association for a number of years. He seems to always be “on the clock” for the Heart thinking of ways to improve our association. His leadership and guidance will certainly be missed in the boardroom as he concludes his board term.

In addition to all of the elected and appointed board members mentioned above, I would like to thank all the members who dedicated their time to serve on committees or otherwise assisted in hosting, planning or running events this year. It truly is a team effort.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank the great group of vendors that provide the financial support that allows our association to operate as it does. Their generous contributions allow us to host educational and entertaining events for our members and fund causes that are important to our association and industry.

Let me close by reminding you about the importance of attending our Annual Meeting on November 4th at Indian Hills Country Club. Please make plans to attend. Thank you once again thank you for the opportunity to serve as your HAGCSA President this past year.

Steve Wilson, CGCS

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Membership Committee Report Recap

By Nick Kray, Director

As 2015 makes way for 2016, it is time for a recap of the Membership Committee's year. First of all, I would like to thank the membership for having me as your Membership Director. It has been a great experience and I have enjoyed serving the HAGCSA. I would also like to encourage anyone who is interested to volunteer their time and talents to give back to our great association.

This year we had approximately 25 applications submitted and approved for membership, all of which could not have been done without the help and guidance of Kim Weitzel. Thank you Kim! It is our hope that all of our current and new members enjoy the benefits and camaraderie that our

membership provides. I would also like to take time to say thank you to the Membership Committee: Kyle Black, Bryan Nierman, Marc Szablewski, and Josh Linn. You have been a tremendous help this year contacting members and helping with membership duties.

Hopefully you have nominated a deserving member for Superintendent of the Year, Assistant Superintendent of the Year, or the Chester Mendenhall Award. Nominations are due by November 20 and forms can be found on the HAGCSA website. I hope everyone is able to enjoy the remainder of the year and best of luck in 2016.

Announcing Your Slate of Officers and Annual Meeting Information. ~ Plan to Attend the Most Important Meeting of the Year. ~

ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

MEETING

LOCATION

Indian Hills Country Club
8847 Tomahawk Rd., Mission Hills, KS 66208

HOST SUPERINTENDENT

Jeff White, CGCS

SCHEDULE

12:00noon - Golf (optional)
5:00pm - Registration / Cocktails
6:00pm - Dinner
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VICE PRESIDENT

Andy Klein, CGCS – Falcon Ridge Golf Course

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Andrew Jones – Swope Memorial Golf Course
Ethan Shamet – Deer Trace Golf Course

DIRECTORS

(Class A or Superintendent Member; Two Year Term; Elect Two)

Chris Benisch – Deer Creek Golf Course
Matt Delventhal – Minor Park Golf Course
Mark Newton, CGCS – Canyon Farms Golf Club
Josh Thomas – Country Club of Leawood South

(Class C; One Year Term; Elect One)

Jonathan Bennett – Kansas City Country Club
Sean Berger – Wolf Creek Golf Links
Cory Henson – Indian Hills Country Club

*As in accordance with our by-laws, there may be nominations from the floor by any voting member for any of the above offices.

Candidate profiles will be including in the November Heartbeat.

Registration on page 36

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Deadline: November 20, 2015



Who will take home this year's awards?

Now is the time to submit your nominations for Assistant Superintendent of the Year, Superintendent of the Year and the Chester Mendenhall Award for 2015.

Complete the enclosed form and submit nominations no later than November 20.

Recipients will be awarded at the New Year Party on January 8, 2016.

Nomination form on page 35

Beating the Aches and Pains

By Andrew Jones, Director

I am sure most of you reading this article have felt the effects our profession can take on our bodies. The constant moving, bending, lifting, and pulling seems to take a toll after some time. I know I don't spring out of bed like I used to following a hard day. This is compounded any time I play basketball, softball or even golf. It doesn't seem like too long ago that I didn't think twice about playing basketball for two hours in the evening, and then pushing a spreader around the next day. Some days now it feels like I'm pushing the spreader through sand with flat tires.

A few years back while playing in a slow pitch softball game, my athletic prowess came to a screeching halt. I sled into third base on a close play and could barely stand up. My back had tightened up immediately so much that I could barely walk. And yes I deserved it for sliding in slow pitch softball, but that is neither here nor there. I got through the rest of the game with as little effort as possible. The next day, I felt like a stick figure with no waist. I could not bend down to pull

the cup out of the green let alone do much else. I figured I had pulled something so I would give it a few days to subside. Days turned into weeks and pretty soon months had gone by, and I was still struggling to lean on the sink to brush my teeth in the morning. Once I got going, things loosened up a bit to where I could function with some discomfort. Anytime I sat for more than twenty minutes, I felt the tightness again.

Since I am stubborn about seeing doctors, I continued this way for too long. Finally I started seeing a chiropractor who had success relieving me of pain, but it never lasted more than a few days. I had to find something else that would fix the problem, not just the symptoms. I did some internet searching and came across muscle activation techniques or M.A.T.. M.A.T. finds and eliminates issues with muscles that lead to restricted motion, pain, and injury. After doing some reading, I started to understand that it was a little more. The problem I was experiencing was my muscles being too tight

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because they were being asked to compensate for muscles that were not functioning properly. The idea is to activate these weak muscles to relieve the “tight” muscles from doing the work. This did not involve lifting weights or anything like that. It involved simple range of motion tests to see where a person is deficient. The next step is either direct muscle palpation or isometric exercises that activate the weak muscles. The isometric exercises could be done as much as needed, and take no time at all. I found this all out at a gym in Overland Park that specializes in M.A.T. called Biofit. I went in a couple times and the pain I’d had for months was gone. It was an incredible feeling to feel back to normal. Since then, I’ve been back a few times when I feel like I’m out of balance.

This also helped out a guy on my crew who would miss work anytime I put him through too much. I told him about

BioFit and M.A.T. and it got me a much better employee. He never misses work because of back pain anymore. You can ask Tim Nielsen how it helped him out too.

When I sat down to brain storm ideas for an article, I tried to think of something outside the box of turf. I know how physically demanding our jobs and lives can be at times. This made a big difference for me, and maybe it could for you. If you are more interested, you can find all sorts of articles on muscle activation techniques that explain it in much more detail or check out www.biofitkc.com.

(Editor’s Note: You can ask Peyton Manning as well. After his neck injury, he credited M.A.T. with much of his rapid recovery)

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Candidates for HAGCSA Officers and Board of Directors

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DUANE SANDER, CGCS, SHOAL CREEK/HODGE PARK GOLF COURSES -

Refer to the "Meet Your Incoming President" article found on page 18 of this newsletter for information about the incoming president, Duane Sander, CGCS.

VICE PRESIDENT

ANDY KLEIN, CGCS, FALCON RIDGE GOLF COURSE

Tenure:

- 8 years as a HAGCSA member
- 4 years at present facility
- 14 years in the golf industry

Candidate Summary:

I have been married for 7 years to my wife, Hilary; we have a son Andrew (3) and live in Shawnee, KS. I received my degree in Horticulture from Iowa State University in 2005. I received my GCSAA Certification in 2014. While in school I interned at Coldwater Golf Links in Ames, IA, Denver Country Club, and Augusta National Golf Club. Upon graduation I returned to Augusta, Georgia to work as an Assistant-in-Training at Augusta National Golf Club until taking the Superintendent position at North August Country Club. In 2007 my wife and I decided to move back closer to home where I took the position of Assistant Superintendent at The Kansas City Country Club from 2007-2012. In January of 2012, I became Golf Course Superintendent at Falcon Lakes GC. My current position is working as the Superintendent at Falcon Ridge Golf Course while overseeing the course maintenance of four other courses in the Kansas City Metro owned by ProFormance Golf, Inc.

Statement of Candidacy:

I am honored to be running for the Vice President position with the Heart. In the past, I have enjoyed being a part of our organization by serving on various committees. When I first joined as an Assistant Superintendent, I started by being involved with the Employee Golf Tournament for three years and also served on the GCSAA National Assistant Committee for two years. My past positions on the board have been serving as Secretary/Treasurer, Director of Scholarship and Research and Director of Education.

I have always enjoyed being involved with the Heart. What the Heart is able to provide its members with its educational opportunities, numerous meetings and events, networking opportunities and how it supports our industry with Scholarships, Turfgrass Research and growth of the game is what makes it so enjoyable to be a part of. My past experiences have prepared me to be Vice President of the Heart and if elected I pledge to put in the time and effort necessary to make the Heart continue to be the successful organization it is.

Candidates for HAGCSA Officers and Board of Directors - Cont.

SECRETARY/TREASURER

ANDREW JONES, SUPERINTENDENT, SWOPE MEMORIAL GOLF COURSE

Tenure:

- 8 years as a HAGCSA member
- 8 years at my present facility
- 15 years in the golf industry

Candidate Summary:

I began working on a golf course in my hometown of Louisburg, Kansas at Metcalf Ridge Golf Club while in high school. From there I choose to pursue a golf course management degree at Kansas State University. I completed three internships while in school before moving on to Swope Memorial Golf Course. I spent three and a half years as assistant to Tony Bertels before taking the reigns as superintendent in 2011. I have been married to my wife Sarah for almost two years who is a bigger K-State fan than me. We enjoy football Saturdays, Royals baseball, and our precious years without kids.

Statement of Candidacy:

I have been honored to serve on the Board of Directors the past three years as director of tournaments, education conference, and the scholarship and research tournament. During this time, I have been able to observe how the board operates our association. It has proven to be a valuable experience to increase connections with those in our industry. I choose to run for the secretary/treasurer position because I want to continue serving our membership. I believe the board has continued to make improvements for our members and I want to be a part of this going forward.

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- 14 years as a HAGCSA member
- 6 years at my present facility
- 18 years in the golf industry

Candidate Summary:

I graduated from Kansas State University in 2000 with a degree in turf management. My first golf course job was working at Manhattan Country Club for Cliff Dipman. I worked there till I graduated and took a crew foreman job at Indian Hills Country Club under John Anderson. After 7 years there I moved on to help assist in the grow in of The Golf Club of Kansas in Lenexa for Trevor Leeper. The next stop was at Deer Trace golf course where after 5 months I moved into the Superintendent position. We are now in the process of converting our cool season tees and fairways to Zoysia.

I have an 8 year old daughter who is into dance, softball, and now golf. She loves to help dad out on the course and sometimes sets the pins in trouble spots on the greens. She even learned how to hand water, and love to drive the golf cart.

Statement of Candidacy:

I have been on the board for 3 years now as PR committee chair, tournament chair and the Rounds4Research chairman. I am running this year for the Secretary/Treasurer position. I would appreciate your vote come this November and GO ROYALS!

DIRECTOR**CHRIS BENISH, SUPERINTENDENT, DEER CREEK GOLF CLUB****Tenure:**

- 4 years as a HAGCSA member
- 1 years at my present facility
- 6 years in the golf industry

Candidate Summary:

I have been married to my wife Hannah for a little over 3 years now. We are expecting our first child around October 22nd of this year. I have been working in the golf course industry for 10 years now. I was fortunate enough to work for Stan George my first year on a golf course at Prairie Dunes, which also happened to be hosting the 2006 U.S. Senior Open that summer. After experiencing this, I fell in love with working on golf courses and knew right away that this is what I wanted to do. I received my bachelor of science degree in agriculture with an emphasis in turf grass management in 2010 from Kansas State University. After graduation, I accepted my first Assistant Superintendent position at Metcalf Ridge in Louisburg, KS. I worked there for 2 years before moving on to Meadowbrook Golf and Country Club as the Assistant Superintendent for 2 years and then the Superintendent for the last year that the club was open. In January of this year I accepted the Superintendent position at Deer Creek Golf Club in Overland Park, KS.

Statement of Candidacy:

I am honored to be considered for a position on the board. Over the years, I have been lucky enough to attend many of the

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events that the Heart and its sponsors have provided for our membership. I have always admired those that have found the time outside of work to serve on the board and setup for the events we attend throughout the year for credits and networking. I truly would enjoy serving on the board and giving back to those that have helped make the Heart what it is today. If elected, I would strive to continue the success of our chapter for its membership and recognition as one of the best chapters in the GC-SAA. I look forward to seeing all of you at this year's Annual Meeting and hope to receive your vote.

DIRECTOR**MATTHEW DELVENTHAL, SUPERINTENDENT, MINOR PARK GOLF COURSE****Tenure:**

- 12 years as a HAGCSA member
- 3.5 years at my present facility
- 16 years in the golf industry

Candidate Summary:

In May 2003, I graduated from Kansas State University with a B.S. in Golf Course Management. While attending school I was able to work at Manhattan Country Club. Upon graduation, I moved to Kansas City where I started at Indian Hills Country Club. In 2007, I moved to Meadowbrook Country Club where I was an Assistant Superintendent for 5 years. I've been in the current Superintendent position at Minor Park Golf Course for the last 3.5 years.

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Candidates for HAGCSA Officers and Board of Directors - Cont.**Statement of Candidacy:**

It would be a great honor to serve another term as a board member for the HAGCSA. I have enjoyed being a member of the HAGCSA for the past 12 years. If elected it would be an honor to continue representing our fine association and continue the work I have put in over the last 2 years serving on the board. During my two years I have served as the Public Relations Director and most recently the Director of Education for the Common Ground Conference. Thank you to everyone that allowed me this opportunity.

DIRECTOR**MARK NEWTON, CGCS, SUPERINTENDENT, CANYON FARMS GOLF CLUB****Tenure:**

- 5 years as a HAGCSA member
- 1 years at my present facility
- 13 years in the golf industry

Candidate Summary:

Throughout my 13 years in the Golf Industry, I have partaken in many different aspects of the golf industry to expand my knowledge and understanding of the game of golf including Superintendent, General Manager, Syngenta Technician and Assistant Superintendent. I am a proud graduate of Iowa State University specializing in Horticulture and Turf Management under the direction of Dr. Nick Christians. I began my professional career as Superintendent at Royal Meadows Golf Course in 2008, where after my first season was promoted to a dual role of GM & Superintendent and awarded with Superintendent of the Year for Eagle Golf. In 2012 I achieved my GCSAA Certification and had the honor of following suit on my Fathers 25th year as a Certified Superintendent. I rejoined the Heart of America Association after a short stint back home in Ames, Iowa with my move to Deer Creek Golf Club in 2013. In late 2014 I was hired at Canyon Farms Golf Club by Great Life Golf & Fitness.

Statement of Candidacy:

This past year has been an absolute joy and honor to serve all of you fellow Heart Members here on the Board of Directors as your Meetings and Programs Chairman. During my time serving I have gotten a great opportunity to be a part of and observe all the dynamics and intricacies that make our Association the best in GCSAA. It would be a great honor to serve you all once again for the next 2 years as we embark on an historic time in our Association and Industry.

DIRECTOR**JOSH THOMAS, SUPERINTENDENT, COUNTRY CLUB OF LEAWOOD****Tenure:**

- 4 years as a HAGCSA member
- 3 years at my present facility
- 17 years in the golf industry

Candidate Summary:

Born and raised in O'Fallon, Missouri, I got my start in the golf industry at 16 years old. I worked at a local public golf course and instantly decided it was the career I wanted to pursue. I attended Missouri State University and graduated with a

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Candidates for HAGCSA Officers and Board of Directors - Cont.

degree in Agronomy/Horticulture. An internship at WingHaven Country Club led to my first assistant job there after college. In 2007 an opportunity arose to do a construction and grow-in at Payne Stewart Golf Club in Branson. This was a great learning experience. Wanting to get back to a bigger golf market, I ended up in Kansas City. I was fortunate to work for Scott Johnson at Shadow Glen. Since 2013 I have been the Superintendent at Country Club of Leawood. My wife, Theresa, and I live in Overland Park with our awesome 2 year old son, Henry. We also have a baby girl coming in December.

Statement of Candidacy:

I have been interested in serving on the board and thought this was as good of a time as any. The Heart is a fantastic chapter and it would be a privilege to be able to serve the members. This would be a great opportunity to get to know a few more members and if elected I vow to give the time and effort needed to continue to make the Heart one of the best chapters.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

JONATHAN BENNETT, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, KANSAS CITY COUNTRY CLUB

Tenure:

- 7 years as a HAGCSA member
- 7 years at my present facility
- 11 years in the golf industry

Candidate Summary:

I grew up in Seneca, Kansas where I graduated from Nemaha Valley High School. The week after I graduated high school, I moved to Kansas City to work at Shadow Glen under Scott Johnson, who greatly influenced my career choice into the golf industry. I attended JCCC for one year and finished my degree at Kansas State University, I graduated in December 2008 with a Bachelor of Science in Golf Course Management. With the help of Scott Johnson, I interviewed and was hired by Loren Breedlove at KCCC the same month I graduated from KSU. I have since been at Kansas City Country Club and have went through several tournaments including the Kansas Amateur, Tom Watson Challenge, AJGA Tour, and the Trans-Mississippi Championship. I have also gone through extensive renovations including installing a wall-to-wall irrigation system; rebuilding greens, bunkers, and tees; installing multiple fans on greens and installing XGD drainage in push up greens.

This past year I served as Special Director for the Heart of America Board, appointed by Steve Wilson. My duties included running the Employee Tournament in August and putting together Assistant programs throughout the year. I reside in Overland Park, Kansas with my fiance, Kelley, and my 3 year old son, Hudson. My exciting news this year is Kelley and I will be getting married on November 14.

Statement of Candidacy:

I have enjoyed this past year serving as a Special Director for the Heart of America Board. I would be honored to serve a second year as the Assistant Director and continue to provide our chapter further progression.

Candidates for HAGCSA Officers and Board of Directors - Cont.**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR****SEAN BERGER, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, WOLF CREEK GOLF LINKS****Tenure:**

- 3 years as a HAGCSA member
- 2 years at my present facility
- 8 years in the golf industry

Candidate Summary:

Graduate of Kansas State University with a degree in Golf Course Management, December 2010

I have worked in the golf industry for 8 years. My work experience consists of:

Assistant Superintendent: Wolf Creek Golf Links (Spring 2014 - present)

Assistant Superintendent: National Golf Links of America, Southampton, NY (Jan. 2011 - Dec. 2013)

Summer Internship: Sankaty Head Golf Club, Nantucket, MA (2010)

Summer Internship: National Golf Links of America (2009)

Crew Member: Ironhorse Golf Club (2009)

I have been a member of the HAGCSA for 3 years serving as one of the co assistant chairs this previous year and was previously a member of the Long Island GCSAA chapter for 3 years. While at Kansas State I was a board member for the student GCSAA chapter for 2 years. Being involved in the local organization is important to me. Having now been working and living back home in Kansas City, I am wanting to gain a stronger involvement with our chapter.

Statement of Candidacy:

It is a great honor to have been nominated for the Assistant Director position. Having been a co-chair last year and previously a co-worker with Juan Barragan (Assistant Director Chair 2014); I have a strong understanding of what this position entails. If elected I will make sure the assistants of the chapter are more involved with the organization. I will plan and organize events throughout the year that will be beneficial for the assistants to attend. I will make sure to talk to, take input, and pass on the ideas and concerns of the non-board member assistants of the chapter. I would greatly appreciate everyone's vote and I would be a positive addition to the HEART board. I appreciate the nomination and look forward to speaking to the chapter at the Annual Meeting on Nov. 4th.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**CORY HENSON, AGCS, INDIAN HILLS COUNTRY CLUB****Tenure:**

- 2 years as a HAGCSA member
- 2 years at my present facility
- 16 years in the golf industry

Candidate Summary:

I received my Bachelor's Degree in Horticulture from Iowa State University in 2004. Since then, my work experience has consisted of:

- AGCS Geneva National Golf Club 3/2005-6/2006

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Meet Your Incoming President - Duane Sander, CGCS

Meet Your Incoming President – Duane Sander, CGCS
Editor's Note: As with each November Issue, it is time to introduce the next HAGCSA President. Please take this opportunity to get to know Duane Sander, CGCS from Shoal Creek Golf course and Hodge Park Golf Course.

It doesn't take long when talking to Duane Sander, CGCS, to figure out he's about as down to earth as a person can be. Perhaps being raised as a "farm kid" does that to a person. Growing up, Duane attended what he calls a small school. With 78 kids in his graduating class, Lafayette C-1 wasn't exactly the smallest either. Regardless, it wasn't the school that helped him figure out what he wanted to do with his life; it was the people in his life who helped shape him.

Like many current Golf Course Superintendents, once Duane started working at the local golf course in Higginsville he pretty much never stopped. In fact, the people at the local golf course he worked at in high school liked him so much he was offered the Superintendent's job upon graduation.

Duane came close to accepting that position but ultimately decided against it due to the fact it didn't pay much and he wanted more out of his career than working at the local golf course. He chose instead to attend the University of Missouri. After his first year, he decided it would be best for him to stay in Columbia for the summer and work at A.L. Gustin Golf Course.

While working at A.L. Gustin, Duane was mentored by John Weston and Joe Herzog. Because of Joe, the Assistant Superintendent at the time, Duane decided that making a career out of golf course maintenance was truly what he wanted as his career. Joe did a great job of showing Duane the business and what Duane should expect when it came to maintaining the golf course.

Of course there have been other jobs Duane has held but nothing beats the opportunity to work outside, doing some-

thing different every day and managing the day to day operations. It's obvious that Duane feels most accomplished when someone notices his work. It's what drives him. According to Duane, Mark Twain once wrote, "I can last two months on a good compliment." That's Duane, always striving for the next compliment.

When it comes to people who have helped Duane along the way, he credits many. Joe Herzog helped him understand his true passion. Nels Lindgren got him started in Kansas City and helped him get his first Assistant job at Liberty Hills. Of course, it's those Friday "happy hour" meetings with the guys up north that have fostered valuable discussions and helped him as well. Duane mentions Mike Lazar, Mark Pierce and many other Superintendents and salesmen as people who he truly values.

There are others as well. His wife Brenda is his "rock on the home front." His assistants Ryan Rafferty and Frank Conrick are guys he says he, "couldn't survive without". He credits his mechanic Roger Henekemeyer as the one who "keeps everything running".

As for HAGCSA business, Duane is adamant that the HAGCSA needs to find alternative streams of revenue while maintain costs at the same level without diminishing our member's benefits. He would also like to focus on developing deeper relationships with other chapters, particularly the MVTA, OTA and the KGCSA.

He believes the future of the HAGCSA looks bright as we have a great group of Superintendent's on the board currently. Duane is particularly happy with the gains we've made by being involved with funding SNAG and the Wee One Foundation.

Overall, the stage is set for Duane to continue to lead the HAGCSA onto bigger and better things in the coming year. Knowing Duane, HAGCSA is in great hands.



Annual Meeting – Election Ballot
Wednesday, November 4, 2015
Indian Hills Country Club – Mission Hills, Kansas

President:

(Elect 1)

- Duane Sander, CGCS – Shoal Creek Golf Course
- _____ (from the floor)

Vice President:

(Elect 1)

- Andy Klein, CGCS – Falcon Ridge Golf Course
- _____ (from the floor)

Secretary/Treasurer:

(Elect 1)

- Andrew Jones – Swaine Memorial Golf Course
- Ethan Shamot – Deer Creek Golf Course
- _____ (from the floor)

Director (Class A or Superintendent Member / 2 year term):

(Elect 2)

- Chris Benisch – Deer Creek Golf Course
- Matt Delventhal – Minor Park Golf Course
- Mark Newton, CGCS – Canyon Farms Golf Club
- Josh Thomas – Country Club of Leawood South
- _____ (from the floor)

Director (Assistant Superintendent / 1 year term):

(Elect 1)

- Jonathan Bennett – Kansas City Country Club
- Sean Berger – Wolf Creek Golf Links
- Cory Henson – Indian Hills Country Club
- _____ (from the floor)

**As in accordance with our by-laws, there may be nominations from the floor by any voting member for any of the above offices.*

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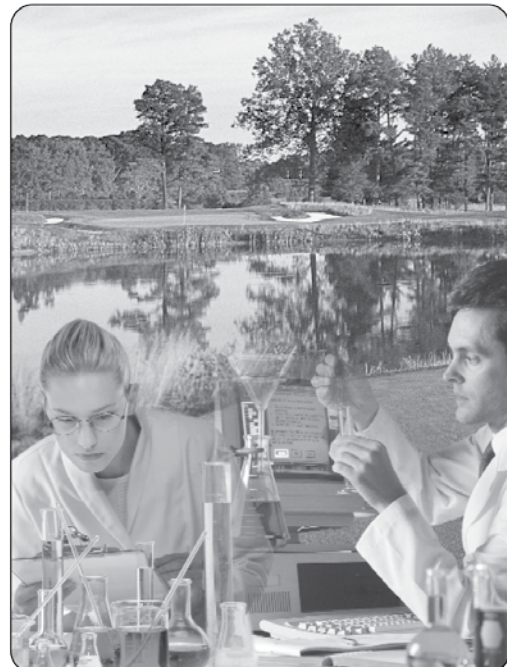
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Beechtree Golf Club, Aberdeen, Maryland - Hole #2, Par 3

Communications/Public Relations Committee Recap

By Brent Stephenson, Director

We started out the 2015 year with a focus on constant contact. We wanted to streamline our communication to our members in the digital world. We identified three main areas that we wanted to focus our efforts in 2015. Website/App development, Twitter, and Facebook.

WEBSITE: We discussed the importance of our website and the information we want to make available to our members. We identified that many of the people that visit our website browse on a smart phone or a tablet. Our website was not mobile friendly. We considered a smartphone app, as well as making our website more mobile friendly. The app ultimately was cost prohibitive and we determined that we could make changes to the website improving mobile browsing. Tim Nielsen developed an entirely new website that is extremely mobile friendly and we have received excellent reviews from our members that browse our website on a mobile device. Visit our website at www.hagcsa.org.

TWITTER: We launched our Twitter account with the goal of gaining 100 followers. We started tweeting our job postings, calendar updates, event details, etc. We now have 161 followers and we believe this is a great way to communicate with our members. It is a great partner with our website that makes our information available and keep us in contact with our members. Like us on Twitter @HAGCSA.

FACEBOOK: We are starting to gain traction with our Facebook page. We launched it mid-season and we are excited that this is another way for us to connect with our members. Twitter and Facebook will both feed similar information to our members. Like our page at www.facebook.com/HAGCSA

I would like to thank the members of the communications and public relations committee. James Kennedy, Iron Horse Golf Club; Mark Newton, Canyon Farms Golf Links; Lucas Delameter, Staley Farms Golf Club; Brad Lackey, Lake Quivira Country Club; and Randy Cox, Tiffany Greens Golf Club.

Next year we plan to add more members to our Facebook page. We have a goal to reach 100 Facebook likes. We will work to improve our Twitter presence with more relevant tweets and communication. We hope to gain more involvement with our classified section of the website. This is something we believe can be a great tool for our members to buy, sell, and trade items on our classified web page.

Members, please send your advertisement to brent.stephenson@greatlifegolf.com to post on our website.

Assistant Superintendent Program Recap

By Jonathan Bennett, Special Director

Another season is in the books and another successful year for the Assistant's Program. As a Special Director for the HAGCSA my goal was to provide seminars for the area Assistant Superintendents to help promote "outside-the-box" thinking. The first program was held at Overland Park Golf Course where J.D. Rudd from 41 Action News spoke to the group about meteorology. Areas J.D. focused on were what he provides that could benefit a turf manager daily. The second program was held at Sporting Park where Justin Bland was able to speak to the group about his operations. Although Justin deals with different types of turf and a different kind of daily use, we both deal with the exact same issues. The third program is coming up in December. This program will be geared towards career advancement. Carol Rau from Career

Advantage will be speaking to the group about networking, resumes, interviewing, and other general topics.

Along with the Assistant Program, the other Assistant's event was the Employee Tournament. This year's tournament was held at Minor Park Golf Course on August 10th. Matt Delventhal, the host Superintendent, provided a great golf course for this tournament. We had a total of 66 golfers this year.

Thank you to Sean Berger, Marc Szablewski, Grant Suderman, and John Sheeche for serving on the committee and helping with the program throughout the season.

MO Cup Challenge - Recap

Contest Winners

Lake Valley Golf Course – October 5

- Longest Drive – Doug Melchoir
- Closest to the Pin – Greg Schroeder
- Longest Putt – Dale Palmer
- Longest Drive – Kelly Crowell

Old Kinderhook Golf Course – October 6

- Longest Drive – Jim Pyle
- Longest Putt – Jeff Stickford
- Closest to the Pin – Bob Kane
- Closest to the Pin – Jeff Sommerer



1st place team - Wolf Creek Golf Links
(Bohn, Brown, Nygren, Sawyer)

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2nd place team - Bayer Environmental
(Kane, Kleffner, Marchand, Pendergast)

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MO Cup Challenge - Recap

By Wes Klefner, Special Director

Thank you everyone who attended the 2015 MO Cup Challenge! The unofficial first day started on Sunday at Deer Chase GC with 22 players in attendance. The format was a Modified Stapleford system that takes your handicap into account. Three ended up tied for the lead at 7 over their quota. With cash payouts going to 1st and 2nd place we had to go to a scorecard playoff. Starting with the number 1 handicap hole it took 3 holes to decide this year's winner. Second place went to Tyler Koch from Eagle's Landing GC. This is 2 years in a row Tyler has cashed in. We might need to validate his handicap for next year! First place went to Brian Kane from Ryan Lawn and Tree. The evening wrapped up at the Trophy Room Restaurant with the players reminiscing about the day's rounds and catching up with others.

The official start to the tournament began Monday morning at Lake Valley Country Club. The first day had several low scores. First place from day one went to the Turfwerks team shooting an 18 under 54! Good job guys!

The shootout followed up round one and continues to be an entertaining event. Forty-two 2 man teams competed this year. This is up 5 teams from 2014. Everyone received one shot to advance their team to the next round with the closest to the hole contest. The top 6 teams move to round 2 with an alternate shot format. The teams with the lowest 4 scores advanced to round 3. The winning team this year went to John Dixon from Supreme Turf and Dave Pini from Highlands Golf Club.

Day 2 was hosted by Old Kinderhook Golf Club. Scores came in several shots higher than day one. There was a tie for first place with a 2 day score of 113. The scorecard playoff went to number 1 handicap hole #5. Team Todd Bohn (Wolf Creek), Matt Brown (GCSAA), Jim Nygren (VGM Club), and Mike Sawyer (VGM Club) shot birdie. While team Bayer shot par.

A big thank you goes to Deer Chase, Lake Valley, and Old Kinderhook! The courses were in great shape. Thank you to all the vendors. Without their support this event would not happen. Stay tuned for next year.

Tournament Results

First Place

Todd Bohn - Wold Creek Golf Links
 Matt Brown - GCSAA
 Jim Nygren - VGM Club
 Mike Sawyer - VGM Club

Second Place

Wes Kleffner - Bayer
 Curt Marchand - Ryan Lawn and Tree
 Brian Kane - Ryan Lawn and Tree
 Richard Pendergast - Ryan Lawn and Tree

Third Place

Brian Freeman - Turfwerks
 Mike Carron - Meadowbrook Country Club
 Gene Dahlen - Rainbird
 Jamie Chambers - Turfwerks

Candidates for HAGCSA Officers and Board of Directors

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- AGCS East Lake Golf Club 6/2006-5/2010
- AGCS Sugar Creek Golf and Tennis Club 2/2011-11/2011
- AGCS Windermere Golf Club 7/2012-2/2013
- Ryan Lawn & Tree 2/2013-5/2013
- AGCS Indian Hills Country Club 5/2013-Present

Away from the golf course I enjoy hunting, fishing, and I am an avid fan of the Chiefs and Royals. I reside in Lenexa, KS, with my fiancée Kristine.

Statement of Candidacy:

I am honored to have been nominated to sit on the board as the Assistant Superintendent Director. Although only having been a member of the Heart for two years, I can see the Heart is one of the strongest and closest knit group of colleagues I have been involved with in my career. With the friendships and knowledge I have received from the members of the Heart, I would like to use my experience and knowledge to help our association continue to grow.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 14	BUSINESS (J. Bar Saloon – Toward Hotel)	RECERTIFICATION (Salon D&E)	GOLF (Salon F)
7:00am – 8:00am	Registration & Continental Breakfast <i>Sponsored by: Bayer Environmental Science & Kansas City Turf Supply</i>	Registration & Continental Breakfast <i>Sponsored by: Bayer Environmental Science & Kansas City Turf Supply</i>	Registration & Continental Breakfast <i>Sponsored by: Bayer Environmental Science & Kansas City Turf Supply</i>
8:00am – 9:00am	Leading Growth in a New Normal Economy Jim Welch, The Growth Leader <i>Sponsored by: Vermeer Great Plains</i> (NOTE: Location - Salon F)	Fungus Among Us: Real World Disease Control Tips Dr. Rodney St. John, Ryan Lawn & Tree Hours: 1 (KS: 3A, 3B) <i>Sponsored by: Bayer Environmental Science</i>	Leading Growth in a New Normal Economy Jim Welch, The Growth Leader <i>Sponsored by: Vermeer Great Plains</i>
9:15am – 10:15am	Building & Sustaining High Performance Teams Jim Welch, The Growth Leader <i>Sponsored by: Reinders, Inc.</i> (NOTE: Location - Salon F)	Save the Ash Wayne White, Emerald Tree Care Hours: 1 (KS: 3A)	Building & Sustaining High Performance Teams Jim Welch, The Growth Leader <i>Sponsored by: Reinders, Inc.</i>
10:15am – 10:30am	BREAK (Table Top Area) <i>Sponsored by: Vermeer Great Plains</i>	BREAK (Table Top Area) <i>Sponsored by: Vermeer Great Plains</i>	BREAK (Table Top Area) <i>Sponsored by: Vermeer Great Plains</i>
10:30am – 11:30am	ACE: Accountability & Customer Experience Paul Thevarajoo, CSP, Oldcastle <i>Sponsored by: Belgard Hardscapes</i>	City Strategies for the Emerald Ash Borer Sarah Crowder, City of Overland Park, Kansas; Kevin LaPointe, City of Kansas City, Missouri; Rick Spurgeon, City of Olathe, Kansas Hours: 1 (KS: 3A)	The Impact of your Spray Tank Water on Pesticide Performance Dr. Aaron Patton, Purdue University Hours: 1 (KS: 3A, 3B) <i>Sponsored by: KC Arborist</i>
11:30am – 1:00pm	LUNCH (Salon A-B-C)	LUNCH (Salon A-B-C)	LUNCH (Salon A-B-C)
1:00pm – 2:00pm	1:00pm – 2:30pm Adjusting Your Communication Style Tom Mulligan, The Coffman Group	Issues Associate with Pollinators Dr. Ray Cloyd, Kansas State University Hours: 1 (KS: 3A) <i>Sponsored by: B.W.I. Companies</i>	Fine-Tuning the Agronomic Program for your Putting Green Dr. Aaron Patton, Purdue University <i>Sponsored by: Kansas City Turf Supply</i>
2:00pm – 2:15pm	2:30pm – 2:45pm BREAK (Table Top Area)	BREAK (Table Top Area)	BREAK (Table Top Area)
2:15pm – 3:15pm	2:45pm – 4:30pm Online Marketing and Why Your Total Presence is Important Joe Brennan, Marketing Exchange Colleen Rowley, Marketing Exchange	Effectively Dealing with Insect and Mite Pests Dr. Ray Cloyd, Kansas State University Hours: 1 (KS: 3A, 3B)	Managing Troublesome Areas with Site-Specific Agronomic Programs Dr. Aaron Patton, Purdue University <i>Sponsored by: Herfort Norby Golf Course Architects</i>
3:30pm – 4:30pm		Turf Disease Dr. Lee Miller, University of Missouri Hours: 1 (KS: 3B)	Round Table Discussion: Bunkers Scott Johnson, CGCS, Shadow Glen Golf Club; Daryl Pearson, Winterstone Golf Course; Paul Davids, CGCS, Sycamore Ridge Golf Course; Kevin Norby, Herfort Norby Golf Course Architects
DECEMBER 15	IRRIGATION (J. Bar Saloon – Toward Hotel)	RECERTIFICATION (Salon D&E)	GOLF (Salon F)
7:00am – 8:00am	Registration & Continental Breakfast <i>Sponsored by: Ewing Irrigation</i>	Registration & Continental Breakfast <i>Sponsored by: Ewing Irrigation</i>	Registration & Continental Breakfast <i>Sponsored by: Ewing Irrigation</i>
8:00am – 9:00am	Outdoor Living: Is it Part of Your Offering? Duane Richards, Ewing Irrigation & Landscape Supply <i>Sponsored by: Ewing Irrigation</i>	Safe Use of Pesticides Dr. Brad Fresenburg, University of Missouri Hours: 1 (KS: 3A, 3B; MO Required)	2015: When Nature Feeds the Monsters Under Your Bed Dr. Lee Miller, University of Missouri <i>Sponsored by: Syngenta</i>
9:15am – 10:15am		Lawn & Landscape Pests: Year in Review Dr. Rodney St. John, Ryan Lawn & Tree Hours: 1 (KS: 3A, 3B; MO Required) <i>Sponsored by: SiteOne Landscape Supply</i>	Update on Poa Annual Management Dr. Zac Reicher, Bayer Environmental Science Hours: 1 (KS: 3A, 3B) <i>Sponsored by: Kansas City Turf Supply</i>
10:15am – 10:30am	BREAK (Table Top Area) <i>Sponsored by: Todd Valley Farms</i>	BREAK (Table Top Area) <i>Sponsored by: Todd Valley Farms</i>	BREAK (Table Top Area) <i>Sponsored by: Todd Valley Farms</i>
10:30am – 11:30am	Using Correct Controller Scheduling to Improve Landscape Quality and Reduce Water Costs Jim Borneman, Ewing Irrigation & Landscape Supply <i>Sponsored by: Ewing Irrigation</i>	10:30am – 11:45am New Developments in Pesticide, Waste & Labels August Lietzen, John Deere Landscapes Hours: 1 (KS: 3A, 3B; MO Required)	Life in the Steam Cooker: 2015 Turf Woes and Tips to Avoid them Next Year Dr. Megan Kennelly, Kansas State University Dr. Jared Hoyle, Kansas State University <i>Sponsored by: Todd Valley Farms</i>
11:30am – 1:00pm	LUNCH (Salon A-B-C)	LUNCH (Salon A-B-C)	LUNCH (Salon A-B-C)
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Steps You Can Take to Make Low Cost Improvements to Your Turf & Sports Field Irrigation Systems Jim Borneman, Ewing Irrigation & Landscape Supply <i>Sponsored by: Ewing Irrigation</i>	Turf Pests and Their Control Dr. Jared Hoyle, Kansas State University Hours: 1 (KS: 3B; MO Required)	Advancing the Long Term Viability of Golf Dr. Mike Kenna, USGA <i>Sponsored by: Supreme Turf Products, Inc.</i>
2:00pm – 2:15pm	BREAK (Table Top Area)	BREAK (Table Top Area)	BREAK (Table Top Area)
2:15pm – 3:15pm	Techniques to Quickly Determine the Number of Valves, Sprinklers and Piping for Your Next Install Jim Borneman, Ewing Irrigation & Landscape Supply <i>Sponsored by: Ewing Irrigation</i>	Kansas State Law Hours: KS Core Hour	USGA Green Section: 2015 Year in Review Josh Daniels, USGA
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Secrets to Installing & Maintaining Drip/Micro Systems and Make Them Work for Years Jim Borneman, Ewing Irrigation & Landscape Supply <i>Sponsored by: Ewing Irrigation</i>	3:15pm – 3:45pm Water Presentation and Endangered Species Hours: MO Required 3:45pm - 4:30pm Missouri State Law Hours: MO Required	3:30pm – 4:00pm First Report of a New Insect Causing Damage to Golf Course Turf Matt Giese, Syngenta

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- 5 minute promotion of your company's products/service at an education session
- Sponsor of a one hour education session
- Logo in Program as a Breakfast Sponsor
- Logoed Signage during Breakfast
- Logoed Table Tents at all Tables
- Literature and/or give-a-ways distributed during breakfast
- Product/Service literature distributed in Give-a-way bag (circulation: 400). *Due: Monday, November 23*
- ¼ Page Ad in Program *Due: Monday, November 23*
- Logoed Signage During Education Session
- 3 Free Conference Registrations (Includes Table Top Reps.)

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Table Top + Coffee Break (8 available; 2 each break)

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- Sponsor of a one hour education session
- Logo in Program as a Coffee Break Sponsor
- Logoed Signage during Coffee Break
- Literature and/or give-a-ways distributed during break
- Business card size Ad in Program
- Logoed Signage During Education Session
- 2 Free Conference Registrations (Includes Table Top Reps.)

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Education Session (multiple available)

- Sponsor of a one hour education session
- 8ft Table Top display for one day (on assigned sponsored day)
All materials must fit on table (no equipment or materials on floor.)
- 3 minute promotion of your company's products/services at an education session
- Business card size Ad in Program
- Logoed Signage at Education Session
- 2 Free Conference Registrations (Includes Table Top Reps.)

TABLE TOP HOURS

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- Platinum, Gold & Assigned Monday, December 14 Sponsors:
Monday, December 14, 2015 from 6:00am – 7:00am
- Assigned Tuesday, December 15 Sponsors:
Tuesday, December 15, 2015 from 6:00am – 7:00am

Show Hours (Note: based on your assigned sponsor day.)

- Monday, December 14, 2015 from 7:00am – 3:30pm
- Tuesday, December 15, 2015 from 7:00am – 3:30pm

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- Assigned Monday, December 14 Sponsors Only:
Monday, December 14, 2015 from 3:30pm – 4:30pm
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TABLE TOP INCLUDES: 8 ft. table, 2 chairs & trash can.

All materials must fit on the table. No materials or equipment are allowed on the floor.

SUBMITTALS (Logos, Ads, Literature)

Please submit logos, camera-ready ads and/or literature no later than **November 23** to: Kim Weitzel, P.O. Box 419264, Kansas City, MO 64141 or kweitzel@westerneda.com (**no reminder notices, no extensions**)

SOLICITATION

No solicitation will be allowed at the conference or during the table top show unless a table top has been purchased. Those that don't adhere to this rule may be asked to leave the conference, at the discretion of the conference committee.

REGISTRATION FORM

Heartland Green Industry Expo: "Common Ground"
 December 14-15, 2015 • Olathe Convention Center, Olathe, Kansas

ASSOCIATION

I belong to the following Association(s) or received my conference materials from (check the boxes that apply):

- Heart of America Golf Course Superintendents Association (HAGCSA)**
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- N/A**

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Name _____ Organization _____

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<input type="checkbox"/> Full Conference (December 14 & 15).....	\$190 / \$215	\$240 / \$265	\$ _____
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- Business Irrigation Recertification Golf

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- Check Enclosed (*check made payable to: Heartland Green Industry Expo. Payment must accompany registration form.*)
- Invoice my Organization (*By invoicing, you must be a member of one of the co-host associations and agree to pay total amount due by December 4, 2015. Invoicing not permitted after December 1.*)

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 Heartland Green Industry Expo, P.O. Box 419264, Kansas City, MO 64141, Fax: 816-561-1991

NEW LOCATION

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Recap of Wee One Tournament

By Duane Sander, CGCS, Vice President

The Wee One Committee has set the date for the 3rd annual charity golf tournament for May 4th at Tiffany Greens Golf Course. As you know the Wee One organization does great things for our fellow constituents throughout the United States as well as locally.

I would like to thank everyone that came out for the second annual Mark Pierce Memorial Wee One Tournament. We had 26 teams with 103 players that enjoyed the day. I would like to thank Randy Cox and crew for having the course in great shape for us. I would also like to thank our Platinum sponsors: John Deere Golf/Van Wall Equipment and Reinders for their generous support. To our Golf sponsors: Kansas Golf and Turf and Professional Turf Products. To Bayer and Syngenta for providing lunch at the turn, special thanks to Jimmie Johnson and Wes Klefner for doing the cooking. To RMI and the Pierce family for providing the mobile drink service which some may have enjoyed a little too much. And to everyone else that gave as Tee sponsors and silent auction items. I would especially like to thank my committee members and volunteers that were so gracious with their time and energy.

Through your generosity we were able to raise over \$12,000 for the Wee One Foundation as you know helps fellow industry constituents financially that are suffering from medical hardships due to long-term illnesses. We also provided Tiffany Greens with a \$2,600 plaque of Mark Pierce that will hang proudly in their maintenance facility.



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Rounds4Research Recap

By Ethan Shamet, Director

First, I would like to thank all the golf courses that donated for Rounds4Research this year. It is greatly appreciated and helps to raise money for research that benefits everyone in the golf course profession. Also, I would like to thank my committee that made plenty of calls and helped getting the word out to the general public. I would like to give special thanks to Dave Fearis for his initiative and hard work. We are now in the process of deciding which research projects will best be suited for the money we raised.

Last year we raised over \$5,000 on two auctions and this year we had 44 rounds donated and all but 4 were bid on. The total for this year Rounds4Research auction is \$3,152, down about 20 percent from last year's first auction total. The Carolina group dropped from \$28,000 to \$22,000 during the same auction.

This year there was only one auction and it was held during the US Open time frame. All across the United States the bidding was down and the GCSAA/EIFG is asking us members for input on how to make it better and ways of getting golfers to bid more. If you have any insight or ideas feel free to email me at eshamet@yahoo.com.

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Partner Recognition Program Recap

By Todd Bohn, Immediate Past President

On behalf of all of the members of the Heart of America Golf Course Superintendents Association and the Board of Directors we would like to express our sincere thanks to all contributing vendors that participated in the Partner Recognition Program in 2015. Once again, this program has continued to increase and provide financial stability to our association. Without your commitment the association would not be able to function and be one of the leading GCSAA chapters. The new PRP booklet for 2016 will be mailed soon and it is our hope that you will participate again in the coming year. Thanks again for all of your dedication and willingness to help our chapter continue to operate and be financially secure. It is a true testament to the dedication that you, our vendors, show and provide.

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Education Committee Report

By Matthew Delventhal, Director

Preparations for the Common Ground Conference are in their final stages as the planning and details are nearing completion. The golf education track is loaded with a wide range of topics and some great speakers that I hope will reach a wide variety of interest levels. Please mark your calendar for December 14th and 15th, Monday and Tuesday, at our new location this year... the Olathe Convention Center.

So far, vendors response has been fairly positive and the opportunities to choose an educational session to sponsor are filling up quickly. An education opportunity for the membership is our goal and vendor participation is very important in making all this happen. Thank you for the support!

Lastly, I would like to thank my committee members this year for all their hard work:

- Ethan Shamet, Deer Trace Golf Course
- Andrew Jones, Swope Memorial Golf Course
- Andy Klein, CGCS, Falcon Ridge Golf Course
- Brad Lackey, Lake Quivira Country Club
- Mike Maas, Reinders
- Sam Bailey, Heart of America Golf Course

Once again I am very excited to see what our new venue has to offer and I hope to see everyone at this year's Common Ground Conference.



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S&R Committee Report

By Andrew Jones, Director

The 2015 Scholarship and Research Tournament went off as planned on Monday, June 15 at Alvamar Country Club. Thanks to everyone who was able to participate in this event. Huge thanks go out to all the vendors who donated products or services to the auction. This had to be one of our best auctions in the past few years. We had 132 players which was an incredible turnout.

I would like to thank the following committee members for helping put this tournament together. They helped secure sponsors and auction items as well as assisting on tournament day:

Greg King, Gary Breshears, Todd Bohn, Woody Moriarty, Brad Gray, Loren Breedlove, Scott Johnson, Jeff White, James Kennedy, Mitch Bradbury, and Matt Delventhal.

The vendor support this year was tremendous. First and foremost, I would like to thank our title sponsor Professional Turf Products. They also donated the sleeve of Taylor Made golf balls to every participant.

Our lunch and dinner sponsor was Paul Carlson with

Syngenta. Thanks again to Syngenta for allowing us to have a full dinner for the post tournament meal.

We were also fortunate to have five beverage sponsors this year to keep us hydrated. Our beverage sponsors were as follows:

BASF - Cozette Hadley

Floratine Midwest - Curt Gillette and David Hunter

Macro-Sorb Technologies - John Haguewood

Supreme Turf Products - John Dixon

Williams Lawn Seed - Josh Williams

Manny Cervantes with Kansas Golf & Turf and Kris Casburn with M&M Golf Cars came through last minute to haul carts over for us. I want to thank you guys again for the help with the carts.

We also had numerous tee sponsors that all contributed to sponsorships. We appreciate the support you all have shown.

This tournament was a big success, but we are always looking to improve. If you have questions or comments on how we can make next year even better, please let me know. Thanks again to everyone who contributed this year.



Tournaments/Programs Committee Recap

By Mark Newton, CGCS, Director

Fall is finally here, winter is approaching, absolutely thank goodness. What a year it has been in 2015, from torrential downpours, sinkholes, boiling roots, invasive and treacherous natives, I for one am glad to set this year behind me and onto a better 2016. As I look back, even-through all the chaos there have been some tremendous bright spots for me. First and foremost is having the honor to serve all of you fellow Heart members here on the Board of Directors. Second is all the special events and get-togethers we shared.

Starting with our bowling event all the way to our MO Cup Challenge this has been a great year on the board. Here are some special highlights I remember from this great year. Our annual Bowling event featured an amazing team from Shoal Creek that took home the gold. Well done and prepare yourself as we all are coming after your top score next year! Next, our gracious Shop Talk host Randy Cox and his team at Tiffany Greens put on a clinic for shop organization, cleanliness and showcasing a top-notch facility. Thanks to Dave Doherty from ISTRC for putting together his great talk on greens health. After looking back this was a great year to discuss our roots being able to breathe and the importance of our root-zone, thank you!

As we got into the thick of the summer months, we all were in the same boat, no pun intended, of horrible weather, drowning and the flooding of many of our fine courses through the months of June and July. With this we had to

cancel our annual honoring of our Past Presidents event due to our low signups. We are looking into changing this events timing for future years to make sure we can give a very gracious and honoring event for our Past Presidents and their time serving this great association.

Lastly, I want to give a special thanks to all of our many vendors who have dedicated their time and finances to help support our association and industry. Without all of you and your constant support we wouldn't be where we are today. Our annual Vendor Appreciation event was a great one, sharing great laughs and stories while enjoying excellent food and scenery at Twin Peaks. Once again, thank you for all that you do for us vendors!

Moving towards our end of the year here in 2015 we have our Annual Meeting. This year the meeting is hosted by Jeff White, CGCS and the team at Indian Hills Country Club. Please save the date and register for this as you will not want to miss it and our new board member elections! Lastly, coming in January is our special New Year party, which will once again be at the Boulevard Brewery. Our entertainment for the evening will be great, BUT it will be hard pressed to top last year's Elvis impersonation of our very own Mr. Brent Stephenson.

Thanks for great year HAGCSA! I can't wait to see you all at Indian Hills November 4th.

ANYTHING CHANGED?

- Have you changed jobs?
- Have you changed your phone number?
- Have you changed your email address?

Report all changes to your association office so we can keep in contact with you.

To Make Changes, Contact:
 Kim Weitzel, Executive Director
 816-561-5323; kweitzel@swassn.com



RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING MEMBERS

Each and every Heart member deserves credit for surviving a hectic spring and summer, but there are ones among us who deserve special recognition for the job they have done this year or over their careers.

As a member, you know who these individuals are. **Now is the time** to send your nominations for The Assistance Superintendent of the Year, The Superintendent of the Year and The Chester H. Mendenhall Award. These prestigious awards will be given out at the New Year Party on January 8, 2016. Please submit your nominations by completing the reverse side and forwarding to the HAGCSA office no later than November 20, 2015.

Eligibility and Qualifications

Assistant Superintendent of the Year

This award will be presented annually to the assistant who has demonstrated dedication and excellence at their job over the past year.

The guidelines are as follows:

1. Must be a member of the Heart of America.
2. Must be an assistant that represents their profession to the highest degree.
3. Must be at their present course for no less than two seasons.
4. This award shall be governed by the assistant's achievements in any of the following.
 - Competency in agronomic skills
 - Ability to efficiently run the daily operations of the course
 - Effectively running course projects
 - Assisting in the preparation of their course for regional or national events
 - Involvement with local, regional, or national turf related associations
 - Strong involvement in course renovations and new course construction
 - Goal oriented and striving to become a superintendent
 - Exceptional contributions to this association through involvement
5. These accomplishments must have occurred in the current year.

Superintendent of the Year

This award, established in 1970, has been presented annually to the golf course superintendent who has demonstrated dedication and outstanding service to his or her profession.

The guidelines are as follows:

1. Must be a "Class A or Superintendent Member" in good standing.
2. Must be a superintendent that represents the organization and himself to the highest degree.
3. This award shall be governed by the superintendents achievements in either:
 - Excellence in golf course management
 - Preparation of his or her course for regional or national golf tournaments
 - Achievements for renovation or new golf course construction
 - Involvement with local, regional, or national turf related associations
 - Exceptional contributions to this association through involvement
4. These accomplishments must have occurred in the current year.

Chester H. Mendenhall Award

This award has been established to honor an individual who has devoted extensive time and effort to the promotion of golf, the art of greens-keeping and other related fields. Begun in 1983, this award is named after a golf course superintendent who dedicated his life to his profession.

The guidelines are as follows:

1. Must be a HAGCSA member in good standing.
2. Must be an individual that represents the organization and him or herself to the highest degree.
3. This award shall be governed by the individual's achievements over an extended period of time:
 - Outstanding service to this organization
 - Involvement with local, regional, or national turf related organizations
 - Continued support and service to the golf industry or his/her community

HAGCSA AWARD NOMINATION FORM



AWARD WINNERS

Assistant Superintendent of the Year

- 2005 Greg Milligan
- 2006 John Sheeha
- 2007 Jeff Stoecklein
- 2008 Johnny Brockus
- 2009 Matthew Delventhal
- 2010 Andrew Jones
- 2011 Andy Klein
- 2012 Randy Heinz & Brad Lackey
- 2013 Mitch Bradbury
- 2014 Nick Kray

Superintendent of the Year

- 1982 Carl Beer
- 1983 Chet Mendenhall
- 1984 Jack and Bill Robison
- 1985 Del King
- 1987 Duane Patton, CGCS
- 1988 Nels Lindgren, CGCS
- 1989 Cary Tegtmeyer, CGCS
- 1990 Ed Huggins
- 1992 Loren Breedlove
- 1993 Jeff Eldridge, CGCS
- 1994 Pat Finlen, CGCS
- 1995 Jon Francis
- 1996 Chuck Hybl, CGCS
- 1997 Jeff Elmer, CGCS
- 1998 Jim Naudet
- 1999 Mark Pierce
- 2000 Paul Tormanen
- 2001 Tony Bertels
- 2002 Duane Sander, CGCS
- 2003 Brian Ruder
- 2004 Rusty Hamman
- 2005 Jimmy Angelotti
- 2006 Doug Melchior
- 2007 Brad Minnick, CGCS
- 2008 Terry Rodenberg
- 2009 Daryl Pearson
- 2010 Scott Cummins
- 2011 Steve Wilson, CGCS
- 2012 Eric Bickel
- 2013 Scott Johnson, CGCS
- 2014 Duane Sander, CGCS

Chester Mendenhall Award

- 1987 Gil Collins
- 1988 Sandy Queen, CGCS
- 1989 Tom Kohout
- 1990 Dave Fearis, CGCS
- 1991 Duane Patton, CGCS
- 1992 Dick Stuntz, CGCS
- 1994 Meril Vanderpool
- 1995 Jud Coester
- 1996 Jim Shields
- 1997 Pat Finlen, CGCS
- 1998 Dave Fearis, CGCS
- 1999 Gene Eldridge
- 2000 Nels Lindgren, CGCS
- 2001 Dick Stuntz, CGCS
- 2002 Jeff Elmer, CGCS
- 2003 Melvin W. Anderson
- 2004 Loren Breedlove, CGCS
- 2005 Gary Higbie
- 2006 Tony Bertels
- 2007 Bill Maynard, CGCS
- 2008 Jeff Eldridge, CGCS
- 2009 Woody Moriarty
- 2010 Jeff White, CGCS
- 2011 Scott Johnson, CGCS
- 2012 Jim Naudet
- 2013 Terry Rodenberg
- 2014 Sandy Queen, CGCS

Please use this form to nominate individuals for the Assistant Superintendent of Year, Superintendent of the Year and the Chester H. Mendenhall Award. Qualifications and criteria for each award are listed on the back of this form. Please feel free to add sheets if additional room is needed.

Assistant Superintendent of the Year Award

Individual Nominated: _____

Reasons for Nominating: _____

Superintendent of the Year Award

Individual Nominated: _____

Reasons for Nominating: _____

Chester H. Mendenhall Award

Individual Nominated: _____

Reasons for Nominating: _____

*Please submit your nomination to HAGCSA by **NOVEMBER 20, 2015.***

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ANNUAL MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, November 4, 2015

LOCATION: Indian Hills Country Club
6847 Tomahawk Rd.
Mission Hills, KS 66208

HOST SUPERINTENDENT: Jeff White, CGCS

SCHEDULE: 12:00noon - Golf (optional)
5:00pm - Registration / Cash Bar
6:00pm - Dinner
6:45pm - Meeting & Election of Officers

COST: Meeting Only / \$40 per person
Meeting + Golf / \$60 per person

****GOLF:** If you would like to play golf prior to the meeting, the cost is an additional \$20.
Contact Jeff White, CGCS, Host Superintendent, for Tee Times: Cell/913-617-5462; jwhite@ihcckc.com
Limited to the first 24 golfers.
In order to play golf, you must attend the meeting. Please reserve your spot by completing the form below.

DRESS CODE: Golf - Country Club attire (collared shirts, spike-less shoes, no jeans or cargo pants)
Meeting - Business Casual

RESERVATIONS: Mail, Fax or Email Reservation no later than Friday, October 30.



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Yes, I/we plan to attend the Annual Meeting!

Meeting & Golf - \$60 Meeting Only - \$40

Attendee(s): _____	Company: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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POLICY:

- > By indicating you wish to be invoiced, you agree to pay total invoice upon receipt. Invoices will be sent electronically when an email is provided.
- > Cancellation refunds will not be provided within 24 hours of event.
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From _____	To _____	_____	_____
From _____	To _____	_____	_____

I hereby make application for membership in the Heart of America Golf Course Superintendents Association and attach herewith my dues for the current year. If accepted, I agree to uphold the by-laws of this Association and subscribe to the following code of ethics. To the end that confidence and respect may be enjoyed by members of our Association, the code of ethics is promulgated and observation of its provisions required.

- 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.
- In accomplishing his/her own and the Association's best interest, observance of the following suggestions are recommended.
 - **Seeking Employment:** 1. Seek counsel of local associations when applying for a position in a new district; 2. Recommend only qualified GCSAA members; 3. Ascertain the wage scale in the district in which you are seeking employment, then uphold that talk with the person who last held or now holds the position of Golf Course Superintendent.
 - **Visiting:** 1. Announce your HAGCSA or GCSAA membership when visiting; 2. Always contact the Superintendent of the course you are visiting; 3. Honor requests for technical help from golf courses only when channeled through the Superintendent of the course making the request.

Communication Consent: I agree to receive notices, advertisements, announcements, brochures, and other information from Heart of America Golf Course Superintendents of America via facsimile, telephone or e-mail. I further agree that my express permission to fax, telephone or e-mail me such notices and other information will continue and have no date of expiration, unless a written request is received indicating a change in permission.

ATTESTED: The applicant must be attested by two Heart of America GCSA members.

Attested _____ Date _____

Attested _____ Date _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Please include Annual Membership Dues with Application (Term: January to December):

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January 8, 2016	New Year Party	Boulevard Brewery