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OCTOBER 16-17, 2023

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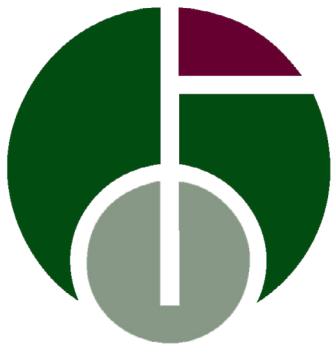


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GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

SEPTEMBER 2023 EDITION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 16th - 17th
Fall Out Tournament

Old Kinderhook & Lake Valley Golf Courses

October 30th
Battle of the Heart Tournament

Blue Hills Country Club

November 8th
Annual Meeting

The 180 Room

November 8th
Vendor Appreciation

The Other Place

November 13th
Equipment Managers Program

Overland Park Golf Course

December 18th - 19th
Common Ground Education Conference

Olathe Conference Center

December 18th
Happy Hour (Past Presidents)

Johnny's Tavern

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**FALL OUT
CHALLENGE
OCTOBER
16 & 17**

OCTOBER 16
**LAKE VALLEY
GOLF CLUB**

367 C.C. Blair Drive
Camdenton, MO 65020

9:00am – Registration

10:00am – Shotgun

3:00pm – Shootout

Following - Dinner

OCTOBER 17
**OLD KINDERHOOK
GOLF CLUB**

678 Old Kinderhook Dr,
Camdenton, MO 65020

8:00am – Arrival

9:00am - Shotgun

At the Turn - Lunch

Following – Awards & Prizes

Cost: \$170 per player

(Includes: golf, carts, pays three winning teams each day, four proximity prizes, lunch on both days, dinner first night, 3 drink tickets per day, tee gift, and shootout that pays 4 places)

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President's Message



Dear Heart Members,

Dear Heart Members,

Shocker!! Kansas City has been dealt some wild cards again for the summer of 2023!! Drought, floods, heat, humidity; just name it, and we have all had to deal with it. I think if GCSAA did a study where the most diverse superintendents in the country reside, it would be right here in KC! I am proud to call all of you my colleagues and without your support, ideas, suggestions, and trials, I wouldn't be as successful as I am today. Some people call it gossiping, I call it learning. I have gone to 8 Chapter events already this year and there is not a single event that I didn't come away with some new knowledge that I brought back to my own course.

As mentioned, we have had several events already in the books for 2023. Here's an update on recent and upcoming events:

Rounds 4 Research – Chairman, James Kennedy, and his committee had another successful year with the R4R Auction. HAGCSA received a check from GCSAA for **\$7,036!**

Scholarship and Research Tournament – Chairman, Taylor Olson, and his committee hosted another successful tournament that was hosted by Justin Hunt at Mission Hills Country Club. What a venue and golf course that was provided to our Chapter this year! Thank you to all the vendors, volunteers, and participants for getting us to our end goal of raising money for students and university research programs.

Battle of the Heart – Chairman, Derek Banwart, will be bringing this year's tournament to the host of the local Korn Ferry Tournament, Blue Hills Country Club on October 30th. Sign up early as there is a limited number of teams that are allowed to play.

The Fall Out – Chairmen, Andrew Jones and Richard Shumate, are looking to provide yet another great experience at the Lake of the Ozarks. They are bringing it back to the original locations, Old Kinderhook and Lake Valley! Don't miss this great event to get out of town and play some great golf courses on October 16th and 17th!

Common Ground and Past Presidents Event – Chairman, Jacob Rockhold, and the Common Ground committee have been working hard preparing for another great line-up at this year's Common Ground! This year's Common Ground will be hosted on December 18th with the Past Presidents event right after at Johnny's Bar and Grill. Recertification hours will be available on December 19th. Mark it on your calendar!

Annual Meeting & Vendor Appreciation – Chairman, Darin Pearson, invites you to attend this year's annual meeting on November 8th at The 180 Room. Enjoy some great BBQ food and see who wins this year's annual awards! Don't forget to thank our great vendors and congratulate our new board at The Other Place in Olathe right after the annual meeting for our Vendor Appreciation event.

I want to thank all the HAGCSA members for attending events and supporting our association. Please let us know what we can do to help better serve you. We are here for you and want to make this the best association in the country!

Thank you,

Jonathan Bennett

HAGCSA President



ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 8, 2023
12:00pm . 180 Room at Joe's BBQ

AGENDA:

- State of the Association
- Approval of Minutes
- Financial Report
- Annual Awards
- Committee Reports
- Election of 2024 Officers



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ANNUAL MEETING

ANNUAL MEETING + VENDOR APPRECIATION

ANNUAL MEETING:

DATE: Wednesday, November 8, 2023

LOCATION: The 180 Room (Next to Oklahoma Joes)
11944 S. Strang Line Road
Olathe, KS 66062

SCHEDULE: 12:00noon - Registration (Drink Tickets Provided)
12:30pm - Lunch
1:15pm - Meeting & Election of Officers

COST: \$35 per person

GCSAA SERVICE POINTS: .10

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Wednesday, November 8, 2023

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2:30pm
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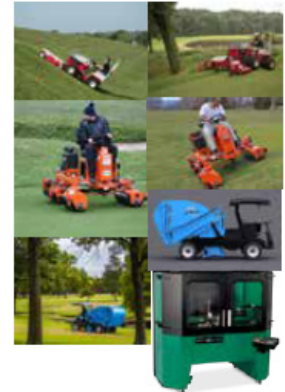


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JOINT MEETING

HEART OF AMERICA AND KANSAS GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS JOINT MEETING

On May 10th, The Heart of America GCSA hosted a joint meeting with the Kansas Golf Course Superintendents Association at Heritage Park Golf Course.

This was the fourth major golf event for the Heart that Ethan Shamet hosted at his golf course in the last sixty days. He and his staff did an excellent job in having the golf course in great shape.

We had 50-60 players attend and enjoy lunch, good education and round of golf. This event historically is a match between the Heart and the Kansas team. This year, the Heart easily won the event. Typically, the host chapter wins the event mainly because we have the most players and the Heart also has the best players!



The educational session was timely and of high interest by many of the superintendents. Heritage Park Golf Course has been on a “PoaCure” program for the last several years and this was a great opportunity to see the results on the greens in person.

The topic of the educational presentation was, “How to control annual bluegrass (Poa Annua) using a new active ingredient in the market.”

The presenter was Kyung Han, Moghu USA. Mr. Han’s, MS. Director of Sales and Technology, PoaCure.

CONTACT: 717-350-9829.



Please make plans to attend next years Joint meeting. Location will be in the Kansas GCSA area and the date has not been set for 2024. It's normally in late March or April.

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TONY'S TEASERS (4)

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Who Will Take Home this Year's Awards?

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 in your nominations.

Accepting Nominations For:

- Brian Breedlove Equipment Manager of the Year
- Assistant Superintendent of the Year
- Superintendent of the Year
- and the Chester Mendenhall Award

Review the criteria and complete the attached nomination form no later than **September 29, 2023**.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Sandy Queen, Executive Director: sandyqueengolf@gmail.com

Ethan Shamet, Membership Chairman: ethan.shamet@jocogov.org



Send Submissions to: sandyqueengolf@gmail.com

AWARD WINNERS

Brian Breedlove Equipment Manager of the Year Award

- 2019 Daniel Heinze
- 2019 Mark Pricie
- 2020 Curtis Reinke
- 2021 Brian Breedlove
- 2022 Mark Williams

Assistant Superintendent of the Year Award

- 2005 Greg Milligan
- 2006 John Sheehe
- 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
- 2015 Chad Glikson
- 2016 Marc Szuliewski
- 2017 Derek Banwart
- 2018 Javier Aguilar & David Davied
- 2019 Grant Sherwood
- 2020 Tom Baier
- 2021 Logan Slattery
- 2022 Aaron Stansbury

Superintendent of the Year Award

- 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 Tomanen
- 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
- 2015 Mike Lazar
- 2016 Sam Bailey
- 2017 Brien Agler
- 2018 Gary Sailer, CGCS
- 2019 Tom Storey
- 2020 Tyler Anderson
- 2021 Tim Nielsen
- 2022 Jeff White, 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 Meni 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 Anderson
- 2004 Loren Breedlove, CGCS
- 2005 Gary Higbie
- 2006 Tony Bertels
- 2007 Bill Maynard, CGCS
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- 2009 Woody Moriarty
- 2010 Jeff White, CGCS
- 2011 Scott Johnson, CGCS
- 2012 Jim Naudet
- 2013 Terry Rodenberg
- 2014 Sandy Queen, CGCS
- 2015 Tim Nielsen
- 2016 Richard Shumate
- 2017 Steve Wilson, CGCS
- 2018 Brent Stephenson
- 2019 Duane Sander, CGCS
- 2020 Doug Melchior
- 2021 Jeff Burey
- 2022 Matt Gourlay, CGCS

AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Please use this form to nominate individuals for the Brian Breedlove Equipment Manager of the Year, 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.

Brian Breedlove Equipment Manager of the Year Award

Individual Nominated: _____

Reasons for Nominating: _____

Assistant Superintendent of the Year Award

Individual Nominated: _____

Reasons for Nominating: _____

Superintendent of the Year Award

Individual Nominated: _____

Reasons for Nominating: _____

Chester Mendenhall Award

Individual Nominated: _____

Reasons for Nominating: _____

***Please submit your nomination by September 29, 2023.
To Sandy Queen, Executive Director: sandyqueengolf@gmail.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 Brian Breedlove Equipment Manager of the Year, The Assistant Superintendent of the Year, The Superintendent of the Year and The Chester H. Mendenhall Award. These prestigious awards will be given out at the Annual Meeting on November 8, 2023. Please submit your nominations by completing the reverse side and forwarding to the HAGCSA office no later than **September 29, 2023**.

Eligibility and Qualifications

Brian Breedlove Equipment Manager of the Year

This award will be presented annually to the equipment manager who has demonstrated dedication at their job over the past year.

The guidelines are as follows:

1. Must be a member of the Heart of America GCSA (Class EM); an in good standings.
2. Represents organization to the highest degree professionally and individually.
3. This award shall be governed by the equipment manager's achievements in any of the following.
 - Competent in mechanical skills.
 - Utilizes problem solving in an effective and efficient manner.
 - Assists course preparations if needed
 - Applies fiscal responsibility
 - Goes "Above and Beyond" to "Help the Cause."
4. These accomplishments must have occurred in the current year.

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 GCSA (Class C); an in good standings.
2. Must be an assistant that represents their profession to the highest degree.
3. 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
4. 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 member of the Heart of America GCSA (Class A or Class B) 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 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 member of the Heart of America GCSA and 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