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Our Mission is to promote the welfare of the game of golf, the science and art of golf course management, the organizational and business effectiveness of the profession, the professional image and well-being of individual members, and to unite golf course superintendents within the Greater Kansas City area.

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MO CUP CHALLENGE



**The Club at Old Kinderhook
September 30**



**Deer Chase GC
October 1**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the leaves on the trees start to turn and our facility's golf calendars start to slow down, superintendents, staffs, and vendors all get the chance to take a step back and reflect on the past season and exhale a little bit as they think about the good things and the bad things that took place in 2013. The same can be said for your Heart of America GCSA Board of Directors as well. They will be looking back on 2013 and making tweaks here and there to help our association continue to strengthen and grow into the future.



One of the times of year that we do this at our Annual Meeting on November 6th at Deer Creek Golf Course. This is a very important meeting and one that I would like to encourage all of you to try and attend as we discuss our association business in 2013 and look ahead to 2014 as well as electing the future leadership. If you haven't been able to make any other meetings in 2013, make it a point to try and attend this event you won't be disappointed and will come away feeling good about being a part of such a great association.

I want to thank Gary Breshears, Jon Francis, Jeff Eldridge, and John O'Leary for putting together what looks to be an awesome MO Cup Challenge. I know each and every one of them have donated a lot of their time putting this event together. If you haven't had time to register you need to do so very soon as space is limited and we must have numbers to the facilities as soon as possible.

As always if you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at todd@wolfcreekks.com or 913-592-3329 or any board member. We would be glad to hear your comments.

Todd Bohn,
HAGCSA President

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Deadline: November 1, 2013

The Heart of America GCSA Scholarship Program offers educational aid to deserving students in the turfgrass program at an accredited college or university in Kansas or Missouri.



Applications will compete based on the or overall qualifications determined by the Scholarship and Research Committee. Please help us get the word out by directing students to our website (www.hagcsa.org) to download an application the criteria. All applications must be received by November 1, 2013.

2013 MO Cup Challenge

By John O'Leary

There is still time and room for you to join us at the 2013 MO Cup Challenge event. Registrations are filling up, but we can make room for several more of you, if you inquire today. The event will be a two-day scramble with added events and a change in the golf course rotation. The dates are September 30th and October 1st. The golf courses will be The Club at Old Kinderhook and Deer Chase GC. On day one we will be playing Old Kinderhook followed up by a two person alternate shot shootout on the Par 5 - 18th.

The shootout will be open to all participants and it will be a blind draw for your partner. The day of the tournament you will be asked if you wish to participate and given an entry slip. You will then put your slip in the below 12 handicap or the above 12 handicap box (honor system folks). We will draw one name from each box and that will comprise your team. The shootout will take place on 18 with a twist or two thrown in. Each round we will eliminate a certain number of teams until we are down to two. Tie breakers to determine teams to move on will be a closest to the hole chip off. The final two teams will play from the 18 tee.

Day 2 - Oct. 1st

Day 2 will be at Deer Chase GC, approximately 15 minutes east of Old Kinderhook. We played this course several years ago and it is a great scramble golf course.

Cost: \$140.00 per person

Nightly rentals are available by calling: 573-346-4444 ext. 3

For those who wish to come down a day early. We have golf scheduled each year at Deer Chase on Sunday at noon. Play your own ball with a Modified Stapleford game based off handicap. \$20 per person prize fund with 1st and 2nd place paid out. For those that wish to participate email John O'Leary at: olearyjohnt@johndeere.com for details.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the lake!

Schedule of Events

September 29

12:00 p.m. Deer Chase GC - Modified Stapleford Game - \$20.00 pp.
Email John O'Leary if you wish to participate: olearyjohnt@johndeere.com

September 30

10:00 a.m. Day 1 Mo Cup Challenge - The Club at Old Kinderhook
Lunch served at the turn

4:00 p.m. 2013 Erb Equipment Shootout

7:00 p.m. Reception at the Trophy Room - Cash Bar

October 1

9:00 a.m. Day 2 Mo Cup Challenge - Deer Chase GC
Lunch served at the turn
Trophy and prize presentation immediately following

A MO Cup Challenge registration form is on page 7.

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



Tournament Committee Report

By Andrew Jones, Director

Another month has gone by, and we are getting closer to our first frost delay. The football season is well underway. Hopefully your fantasy team is not already out of the playoff hunt. I would like to say thank you to all of those who were able to attend this year's Vendor Appreciation Event. It was quite a change from our normal nine holes of golf. This is always a great time to show our vendors how much they mean to us. We could not do it without all of you lending your support.

We would also like to say thank you to all those who have attended this year's events and a special thanks to those who have hosted an event. We will assess how successful this year's events were and make any necessary changes for next year.



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Common Ground Conference Update

By Andy Klein, Director

The 2013 Common Ground Conference is quickly approaching and now is the time to register. As always, this will be a great educational opportunity and if you register before December 6 you can take advantage of the early bird price. The schedule of speakers and topics is finalized so that you can start planning which sessions you wish to attend. Pesticide certification points are also available for those who need them.

Based on positive feedback from last year's conference we plan to keep everyone on the same level of the venue. Now is the time for vendors to sign up to secure your tabletop location and/or sponsor an educational session. Sponsorship will allow you time to present your product to the room five minutes before the speaker begins.

See you there.

LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

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The Heart of America GCSA Legacy Scholarship Award offers educational aid to the *children and grandchildren of HAGCSA members*. Award of \$1,000 is funded by Professional Turf Products and the TORO Company. The award is administered by the Heart of America Board of Trustees. Applications will be reviewed by an independent committee consisting of three high school educators and three college administrators. All decision of the committee will be final. Applicants will be notified of their status by mail. All scholarship award checks will be made payable to the applicant and his/her educational institution. If you are interested you may obtain an application from the HAGCSA website: www.hagcsa.org/scholarships or by calling the Association Office at 816-561-5323. Deadline is November 1, 2013.



2012 Legacy Scholarship Recipient

CODY SANDER

(son of Duane Sander, CGCS, Superintendent, Shoal Creek Golf Club, Kansas City, Missouri)

How Did I Get Here?

By Mitch Bradbury, Director

There comes a point in every golf course maintenance person's life where they ask themselves, "How did I get here?" For me this usually occurs mid August to Early September; hands callused from dragging the 100 ft green python; farmer's tan ripe and ready for the wife to loathe; brain fried from trying to decipher the complex interaction between the sun, water, turf, and other stuff; no young bodies left to do the "heavy lifting".....back to school they went; course details slipping away as you pick the best way to keep it together. A list grows, but first you must make it through the summer. All your hard work seemingly goes unnoticed until it rains. Then comes the disease. In these moments, you must dig deep, and ask, "How did I get here?"

For me it started way before I was born. It was in the 1930s when my Grandfather, Dr. John Alan Bradbury, was a caddy at Hillcrest Country Club in Coffeyville, KS. This Perry Maxwell designed golf course was my grandfather's childhood playground before WWII. Although his dad was a member and he could have played most every day, he chose the work hard play hard route dragging heavy bags across those old fairways for a buck a loop. When he could not get on a bag, he and his mates would find themselves on their knees, cutting crabgrass out of greens. Using the string line and grid method, he could make 25 cents an hour harvesting *Digitaria ischaemum*.

His stories are numerous. Whimsical ones: There was the time he and his buddies were playing golf and at the time there was not an outhouse or portable restroom available to use, but a lad in his group had to go. So he ducked back into the woods and did his business, only to come to the painful realization that he had used poison ivy as his organic Quilted Northern. Ouch. Coming of age stories like the times he and his buddies got up the gusto to go to the local bootlegger who just happened to be situated on the 5th fairway to secure a bottle of wine. Stories about a gentleman my grandfather caddied for who used to run a ball through a hole in his pocket and down inside his pant leg when searching for lost balls in the rough, "Oh here it is!" Most of all, he remembers the days sitting under a big tree, playing cards with his caddy friends, drinking a cold milk straight from the dairy farm across the street from the club. A dynamic playground it was indeed.

The onset and participation in World War II and later establishing a family and successful Veterinary practice, my grandfather's relationship with the game of golf screeched to a halt until 1966, when he joined Topeka

Country Club. Another Perry Maxwell gem, these monstrous tree lined fairways and wickedly pitched greens would end up being his "Worlds of Fun." He took the game back up and slowly he approached retirement. He again established similar bonds as those of his childhood caddy days with his regular groups of golfers.

He bought my grandmother, Rosemary, clubs in 1974. She became hooked and was a constant threat in the ladies league at T.C.C. for years to come. Sometime in the early 80s, at about the age of 3, they began to stick a cut down nine iron in my hands. Wiffle balls were used at first, and then there was the day I switched to a real ball and pulled it through their living room window. A bond and connection had been established, I was hooked too. He and my grandmother encouraged me to play their favorite game all throughout my childhood, just as he had done more than half a century before me.

Still this doesn't totally connect the big question, "How did I get here"? But you must understand he was not the greatest golfer. Actually only once did he have an opportunity to shoot his age around 80, "I added my score up on the eighteenth tee and then proceeded to slice it in to the woods," he told me in an interview. He never used a PING or Callaway clubs, preferring his Jerry Barber Shankless irons and Bullseye putter. Man those sticks were weird looking. Yet these slim hozzled clubs suited his lightening quick backswing and jabby through stroke, a picture of beauty when he kept his head down. Score and friendship were priorities, but often he seemed more interested in the changes in the trees or signs of the local wildlife. He was a fixer of ball marks, a hater of practice swings, divots, and poor rake jobs. Also ladies day.

He was into golf for the intensity of the game and socialization, but like most in our industry, he was curious and perceptive about his surroundings, generally interested in the golf course, environment, and hard work it took to maintain his oasis. Quickly he established a relationship with T.C.C Superintendent, Leo Pellant. Perhaps originally to help quench his other addiction: FIREWOOD. Besides golf, my grandfather loved nothing more than to saw up some wood and start a grand fire in his fireplace. Leo would give him the scraps at first, but towards these later years when tree clearing became more prevalent, a load of uncut wood would sometimes be delivered to his driveway. A weekly trip to the maintenance shop was not

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How Did I Get Here? - cont.

uncommon for Doctor Bradbury, as the crew called him. I believe he felt more at home there than in the stuffy men's locker room. So now, his influence on my path becomes more apparent.

Only lately have I begun to really piece together his influence and its motivation on my career. After almost 8 decades of being around the game he loved, some recent health issues caused him to retire at the age of 91. Tears in his eyes and a heavy heart, he gave up his golfing membership. It was a sad day cleaning out his locker. It has not been easy. The golf course, Topeka Country Club, was a true passion. And as he leaves the game, we lose a man that has the up-most respect for the plight of the "greenskeeper"; more than any other civilian I have ever met. Just that notion helps motivate me to get through the tougher days, knowing that a golf course can be so important to another human. It also explains how I got here. Just as my golf related career started before I was born, his golfing life will continue on through me.



FUNCTION FORECAST

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Sept. 30 – Oct. 1	MO Cup Challenge @ Old Kinderhook Golf Course
November 6	Annual Meeting @ Deer Creek Golf Course
December 16 & 17	Common Ground Education Conference @ OPCC
January 10	New Year Party @ St. Andrews Golf Course

AWARD NOMINATIONS

Deadline: November 1, 2013



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 2013.

Complete the enclosed form and submit nominations no later than November 1, 2013. Recipients will be awarded at the New Year Party on January, 10, 2014.

MISSOURI CUP CHALLENGE

HAGCSA / MVGCSA / OTA



DATE: September 30-October 1, 2013

LOCATION(S): **Old Kinderhook Golf Club** **The Golf Club at Deer Chase**
 Highway 54-80 770 Deer Chase Road
 Camdenton, MO 65020 Linn Creek, MO 65052

SCHEDULE: September 30, 2013 at Old Kinderhook Golf Club
 9:00 a.m. - Registration
 10:00 a.m. - Shotgun (4 person scramble)
 4:00 p.m. - Erb Equipment Shootout & Dinner on Hole 18

October 1, 2013 at The Golf Club at Deer Chase
 8:00 a.m. - Registration
 9:00 a.m. - Shotgun (4 person scramble)



COST: \$140.00 (includes golf registrations/meals/drink tickets for both days, tee gift and Erb Shootout on Monday)
 \$25.00 Monday Dinner Fee for each "guest" of a player

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Please contact Old Kinderhook Golf Club to make overnight accommodations at 573-346-4444 ext. 3. Room charges are not included in golf registration fee. A special rate of \$115 for a 1 bedroom, \$160 for a 2-bedroom, \$230 for a 3 bedroom and \$260 for a 4 bedroom cottage has been arranged.

DIRECTIONS TO HOTEL: Old Kinderhook is located two miles west of Camdenton on Highway 54. Once you've crossed the Niangua Bridge, take the second right, which is Lake Road 54-80, and proceed to the entrance of Old Kinderhook.

Yes, I/we plan to attend the MO CUP CHALLENGE on September 30-October 1!

Player(s): _____ Company: _____ Shirt Size: _____
 _____ Company: _____ Shirt Size: _____
 _____ Company: _____ Shirt Size: _____
 _____ Company: _____ Shirt Size: _____

Guest(s) attending the reception at \$25.00 per person: _____

Contact: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

PAYMENT (Payment must accompany registration - First-come, first-serve bases. Limited to 36 teams.)

Check Enclosed Credit Card: No.: _____ Exp: _____ Security Code: _____
 Name on Card: _____
 Signature: _____

Complete Form and Mail, Fax or Email no later than **Friday, September 20** to:
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HAGCSA AWARD NOMINATION FORM



AWARD WINNERS

Assistant Superintendent of the Year

- 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

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

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 Sheilds
- 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

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 1, 2013.

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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 10, 2014. Please submit your nominations by completing the reverse side and forwarding to the HAGCSA office.

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

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ GCSAA Membership #: _____
 Club or Company _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Fax _____
 E-mail _____ Spouse's Name _____

Check here if you wish to receive your mailings at home.
 Home Address: _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

JOB INFORMATION: LIST CURRENT EMPLOYMENT FIRST

DATES EMPLOYED		EMPLOYER NAME & CITY/STATE	TITLE
From _____	To _____	_____	_____
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):
 Superintendents/\$130 - Assistant Superintendents/\$70 - Supplier/\$130 - Golf Course Employees/\$70 - Student/\$25

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