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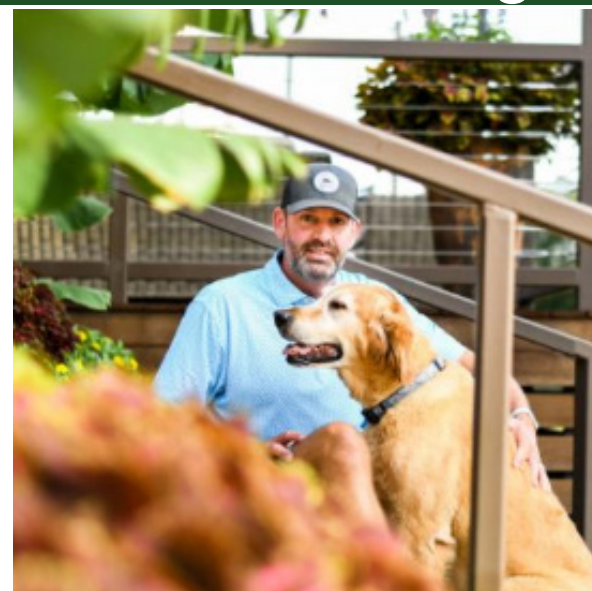
Superintendents are flexible by necessity.

Curveballs from weather, staffers, golfers, etc., always come up and we do our best to hit them out of the park. This year with all of the additional play, on top of additional work restrictions, has been one for the ages.

I am writing this not with words of wisdom or encouragement, but of a wish!

I wish for all of those in the golf industry to get a break from their work. I mean a real break. Not one of those “leave early on Friday” type of break. The next few months will provide a slower time to take advantage of, rest up, and rejuvenate. The golf world is exploding with rounds and bringing new golfers to the game, a direct result of the pandemic. I hope that continues for the betterment of the game we all love. However, it is up to us in the industry to provide the best product and continue to hit all of the curveballs that will come next year. We cannot continue to do that without a break. All pros take an off-season break, and we can learn from that...

Have a Merry Christmas, safe and Happy New Year!



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Annual Meeting October 5



The 2020 North Texas GCSA Annual Meeting was held on a beautiful day at Heritage Ranch Golf and Country Club. Monty Ashworth and the entire staff at Heritage Ranch rolled out the red carpet and provided an outstanding golf course for all who attended to enjoy. Thank you Monty, we appreciate all of your hospitality. At the event, the 2021 Board of Director elections were held and the new board members designated. Congratulations to 2021 President Anthony Williams CGCS and all who were elected to new positions. We look forward to a great year in 2021.

Thank you to our sponsors for the day Turf Care of Texas and Turf Materials. Turf Care provided an informative speaker and showed off some of their new technology and equipment. Turf Materials owner Doug Meador thanked the association for their continued support and business.

Thanks to all who made it a great day!

Annual Meeting Golf Results

Champion Gross - 69
Frank Darnell
Brian Darnell

2nd Place Gross - 71
Jeff Kadlec
Ricky Palacio

3rd Place Gross - 72
Chuck McCaskill
Jamie Kizer

Champion Net - 53
Tony Atchison
Ted Fist

2nd Place Net - 57
Caleb Buckley
Larry Rogers

3rd Place Net - 58
John Bailey
Zack Evans



Annual Meeting Recap

Congratulations to our new 2021 Board of Directors who were elected at our election at the Annual Meeting. We look forward to a great year with 2021 President, Anthony Williams CGCS as he assumes the role and leads the chapter into a hopefully successful and more “back to normal” year. Anthony has great experience in other chapters and will certainly be a great benefit to our association as we move forward. Check out the list of individuals who stepped up to the plate and will serve as your Board of Directors in 2021.

Also, at the Annual Meeting, the membership approved the by-law changes that were proposed. The board worked hard to identify some much needed changes that will help our association continue to grow and be successful in the future. The changes to the bylaws that were approved include the following items:

- An adjustment to the Member Classifications to mirror the classifications that the GCSAA has set.
- Introduction of SOP's (Standard Operating Procedures) for the positions on the board of directors to assist with transition each year to a new board.
- Allow flexibility with the date of the Annual meeting. Previously, it had to be scheduled in the month of October per the bylaws.



2021 NTGCSA Board of Directors As elected at 2020 Annual Meeting

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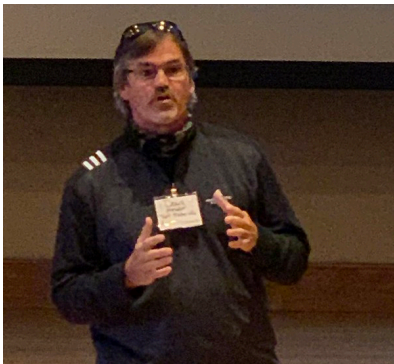
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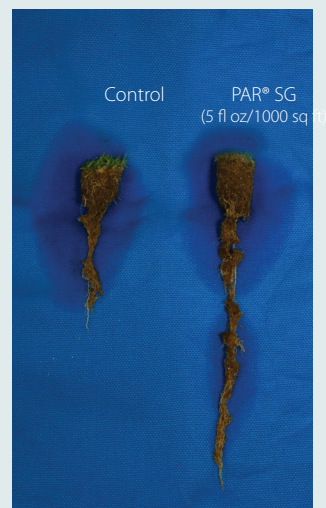
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Technology. You can love it or you can love to hate it, but one thing is for sure, you can't hide from it. Technology is touching almost every aspect of our daily lives and its presence is something that cannot be ignored. Your children's classrooms have been replaced with Google Classrooms and Zoom calls, drive-up grocery shopping is now the norm, and wearing masks and standing 6 feet apart seems completely routine. It's hard to imagine where we would be right now if we didn't have this incredible technology to help us scramble our way into this new reality.

Today's Golf Course Superintendents are tasked with providing course conditions and player experiences that past greens committees could only dream of. You are doing it faster, cleaner, safer, cheaper, and the list goes on. Fortunately, many forms of technology have been adopted by our facilities to aid in the delivery of these extraordinary expectations. There's never been a time where trying new things has been more widely accepted by the masses, and it's a perfect time for tech companies to join forces.

A light is shining on a long-time dream of ezLocator's founder, Jon Schultz. This is a dream of collaboration. A time where the best of the best join forces working together with one goal in mind, taking care of the customer. We are calling this dream "The Connected Club." The purpose of the Connected Club is to find ways of sharing data, best practices, information, and technology through the formation of partnerships among industry leaders that will allow the Golf Course Superintendent to have all of the tools and functionality needed to deliver on these mentioned expectations while also eliminating the overlap.

If club members already have an app that they are comfortable using, we don't want them to have to download another one just to see the day's hole lo-

cations. Thankfully, the leadership of companies like Pacesetter and ForeTees also see the value of collaboration and with a little bit of behind the scenes tech magic, voila - the day's pins can now be found in that same app those members know and love.

Now, that is just a tiny example of the power of a shared vision. The opportunities are limitless and the future is bright for companies that are willing and ready to work together with one ultimate goal in mind, taking care of the customer. Our industry will continue to evolve and there will be an ever-growing list of options for Golf Course Superintendents to consider when deciding what is best for their operations. For ezLocator, we are happy to place our trust in the hands of our customers. Because we know that they know we will always place their needs before our own.

In closing, we request that all Golf Course Superintendents encourage collaboration between the vendors they are working with and to give their support to those that are willing to work together. The greatest force for positive change will originate from the voices of the customer and the companies placing the customer's needs first will be the ones rewarded. Just as it should be.



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Annual Awards Banquet January 16, 2021



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6:00 - 7:00 Registration, Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres
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8:30 - 11:30 Casino and Band
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November 17, 2020
Dallas National Golf Club

Scholarship Tournament Success!

A big THANK YOU to the staff at Dallas National Golf Club! Participants were treated to the full DN golf experience. It was a beautiful day with lots of food, drink, golf and camaraderie.

Golf Results

1st Place - Gross
Ed Martinez and Charlie Trammell (67)

1st Place - Net
James Morgan and Tony Bevolo (62)

2nd Place - Gross
Travis Klosterboer and Brian Honea (68)

2nd Place - Net
William Weller and Kasey Kauff (62)

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3rd Place - Net
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LD #9 - Aaron Schick
LD #10 - Ed Martinez
Driving Range Winners
 CTP - James Jensen 7'6"
 LD - Trevor Ogden 306 yds.

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NTGCSA SCHOLARSHIP EVENT

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH, 2020

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SMITH WALLACE JANICK	87 72 95	R R R	ODGEN HANSEN BRAND	81 71 68	R R R
LANGLEY ADAMS MARTINEZ	78 67 67	R R R	SCHICK KUNDEL WYMAN	91 73 77	R R R
RAEBALE WALTON FOX	91 72 79	R R R	ASHWOOD BUCKLEY FOX	79 67 67	R R R

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COHEN HAYES BAILEY	79 68 65	R R R	PACKARD ELLIS MORROW	78 73 69	R R R
GILMORE EMERY JONES	70 64 69	R R R	LINDAY THOMPSON GILMORE	81 74 69	R R R
WINKLE MORRIS EVANS	84 72 72	R R R	MCCABE MORRIS JANSEN	70 64 69	R R R
TUPA SHANNON ATCHISON	94 72 79	R R R	SNYDER BUCKLEY FOX	92 79 65	R R R

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GARZA WYSTER KLEIN	76 65 65	R R R	JENSEN COFFMAN COFFMAN	86 66 66	R R R
HOLY DOWLE WYSTER	80 68 68	R R R	MCCANN DOWLE WYSTER	78 65 65	R R R
SNODGRASS DOWLE WYSTER	94 73 73	R R R	KLOSTERBERG CREW HONIA	68 64 64	R R R
GUVER DOWLE WYSTER	72 64 64	R R R	PHILLIPS DOWLE WYSTER	76 66 66	R R R
KLEIN JOHNSON WYSTER	94 76 76	R R R	TEKKEMER HERBER WYSTER	84 71 71	R R R
RODGERS DOWLE WYSTER	94 79 79	R R R	WATKINS DOWLE WYSTER	79 70 70	R R R

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Putting Surface Quality Doesn't Stop at the Collar!

When golfers are on the tee ready to play, where is their focus?

Certainly not on the tee or rough- instead, it's on the putting green complex and how best to get there. According to golf statistics, from 100 yards and in, the putting green complex is where 60 percent plus of the game is played for the average golfer. Therefore, best management practices for the entire green complex are critical to producing conditions for golfers who can enjoy the best putting greens and surrounds possible. This approach is often overlooked in course conditioning, in both high and low budget courses. However, the collars, approaches and surrounds, including greenside bunkers, are arguably the most important areas on the course after the putting surfaces. When budgets are decreased in today's economy and/or labor staff is limited, focusing maintenance efforts on the green complex can increase the playability and aesthetics of the course. The golfer's attention is then directed to the increased playability, better turf quality, appearance, and bunker conditioning of the most played areas on the course.



Bud White, CPAg

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Over the years I have seen inexperienced superintendents at their first job (typically at a low to modest budget course) make the mistake of allocating this budget over the entire course versus using a priority maintenance concept. The result? No area of the course is as good as it could be. In that scenario it is difficult to show any progress to encourage increased budgets or new equipment. The staff's hard work and effort is scattered all over the course and reduces the impact of the superintendent's skills.

Focusing on the green complex and tee top allows modest budget properties to produce the best playing quality in these areas and consequently gives the golfers/management a glimpse of how good their course could be in conditioning and playability.



Green Perimeter Detail is Most Impactful

The 'green complex' is usually considered the area about 40 feet beyond the collar, depending on design and terrain. It encompasses a high number of shots played by the average handicap golfer, thus maximum conditioning in this area is critical.

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More, if not all, courses today need to focus on this maintenance approach and will see improvements to:

- Collar quality
- Approach quality
- Chipping areas
- Greenside bunkers
- Rough surrounds

Improvements would include upgraded practices such as:

- Grooming
- More targeted fertility
- Detail to mowing quality—frequency, sharper lines, better definition
- Irrigation management—better head adjustment, checking frequency
- Weed control

This approach to maintenance will produce the best conditioned course possible in turf health and playability, especially on modest to low budget courses. Tee tops and immediate slopes would be next in priority, especially with weed control, mowing frequency and divot filling.

This is priority maintenance at its best!

Most all budget and staff situations will allow a high degree of grooming in green perimeters and tee tops. Priority maintenance can be a key to reductions in water use and labor, as well as environmental impacts. Understanding and implementing this concept is the future of golf course maintenance and can make a tremendous impact on golfers with little to no budget increases.

For further information, please see the USGA Green Section article, Maintenance by Priority,

<http://gsr.lib.msu.edu/1980s/1981/810501.pdf>

If I can help you and your course develop this maintenance concept or in assisting your management/ golfers understand this philosophy, please feel free to call.

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Green Perimeter Quality is Critical

TAKE A SNEAK PEEK AT PGA FRISCO DURING VIRTUAL GOLF INDUSTRY SHOW

Talents behind the creation of the PGA of America's new home come together

Get the inside scoop on the creation of the championship golf courses at the PGA of America's future home in Frisco, Texas, at 11 a.m. EST Feb. 4 during the 2021 Golf Industry Show general session, "Behind the Scenes at PGA Frisco". The Golf Industry Show is presented by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) and will take place Feb. 2-4.

Hosted by GCSAA CEO Rhett Evans, the panel will feature PGA of America Chief Membership Officer John Easterbrook; GCSAA Class A Superintendent Roger Meier; Gil Hanse of Hanse Golf Course Design (East Course architect); Beau Welling of Beau Welling Design (West Course architect); Matt Lohmann of Wadsworth Golf Construction; and Doug Wright of Heritage Links.

"We are excited to bring the key players together to share their insight and how teamwork has been essential," Evans said. "PGA Frisco is a unique project with lots of moving parts spread out over 680 acres. And while it will be a place that will host high profile events, the lessons learned during its development can be applied at any golf facility."



Rhett Evans,
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The panel will discuss the design and build of the two golf courses, which are scheduled to open in 2022. PGA Frisco will be the future home of both men's and women's major championships. The session will be available live and through extended on-demand access for all GIS registrants.

GCSAA and presenting partners, the Golf Course Builders Association of America (GCBA) and the American Society of Golf Course Architects (ASGCA), will offer a virtual experience that will continue the GIS's long tradition of connecting attendees, exhibitors and industry experts through a progressive week of unparalleled education opportunities and access to golf facility solutions for golf industry professionals.

The theme of the 2021 GIS — "Your space. Your pace. All in one place." — not only reflects the ability of participants to attend the show from the safety of their homes or offices and consume the content on their own schedules, but also speaks to the convergence of industry experts that will be a part of the high-caliber education lineup in keeping with past GIS events.



Protect Your Bunker Edges

Bunkers are some of the most expensive areas of a golf course to maintain. In the face of increasingly challenging economic and labor headwinds, many golf courses have started to rely more heavily upon mechanical bunker rakes for daily conditioning.

One employee on a mechanical bunker rake can often complete what four or five employees could accomplish when raking by hand. However, not all bunkers can be easily prepared with a mechanical bunker rake. Deep bunkers with steep faces can be nearly impossible to get in and out of without causing damage to the lip. Similarly, bunkers that have only one way for a mechanical rake to enter and exit will often see accumulating damage at that access point over the course of a season. It is not uncommon to see collapsed bunker edges where mechanical bunker rakes are used exclusively, despite the operator's best attempts to drive carefully.

Laying a mat down over the entry point can lessen issues with tire damage if you are dealing with worn bunker edges or would like to prevent this problem as you look to increase mechanical bunker rake use. I suggest purchasing a perforated rubber mat, like what you would find in a commercial kitchen, for added traction and protection. They can be easily cleaned and rolled up for transport. The maintenance team at Trinity Forest Golf Club in Dallas, Texas, utilizes this type of mat to protect their bunker edges. Each mechanical bunker rake has a piece of drainpipe that is mounted on the front which holds the rubber mat for easy transport. This inexpensive upgrade is both creative and effective.

Don't let worn edges be the only thing stopping you from using mechanical bunker rakes, invest in some rubber mats to prevent slipping and edge damage.



John Daniels
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A drainpipe mounted on the front of a mechanical bunker rake holds a rubber mat that is used to protect the bunker edges.

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Tuesday, Feb. 2

- Opening Session 11AM - 12PM
- Education Power Hour: Lightning Round Learning 12 - 1PM
- Education Sessions 12 - 4PM
- Trade Show Opens at 12PM with 24-hour access
- Education Power Hour: Turf Solutions: Everything but the Kitchen Sink 1 - 2PM
- Education Power Hour: Equipment Managers Session: Tips and Tricks for Your Maintenance Facility 2 - 3PM
- Education Power Hour: Government Affairs: State of Policy and Politics in 2021 3 - 4PM
- Equipment Managers Reception 4 - 4:30PM
- EIFG/GA Reception 4 - 5PM

Wednesday, Feb. 3

- General Session: Managing the Challenges of Disruptive Change 11AM - 12PM
- Celebrating Certification 12 - 1PM
- Chapter Management Session 12 - 1PM
- Education Power Hour: Labor Session: Strategies for Pushing Through Adversity 1 - 2PM

- Education Sessions 12 - 4PM
- Grassroots Ambassador Academy 1 3 - 4PM
- Education Power Hour: Stories of Success: Journeys to Leadership 3 - 4PM
- Ladies Leading Turf Reception 4 - 4:30PM
- EXCEL Leadership Reception 4 - 5PM
- Trade Show 24-hour access

Thursday, Feb. 4

- General Session: Behind the Scenes at PGA Frisco 11AM - 12PM
- Annual Meeting 12 - 1PM
- Education Power Hour: Key Insights to Help You Make the Right Choice 12 - 1PM
- Education Sessions 12 - 4PM
- Education Power Hour: Taking Steps Towards Emotional Wellness – A Beginning 1 - 2PM
- Education Power Hour: Why Didn't I Think of That? Ideas that Make an Impact at Your Course 2 - 3PM
- Grassroots Ambassador Academy 2 3 - 4PM
- Education Power Hour: Turfgrass Talk Show 3 - 4PM
- Closing Celebration 4 - 5PM
- Trade Show 24-hour access

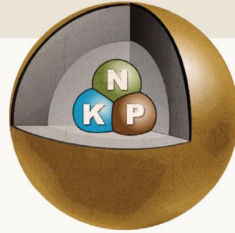
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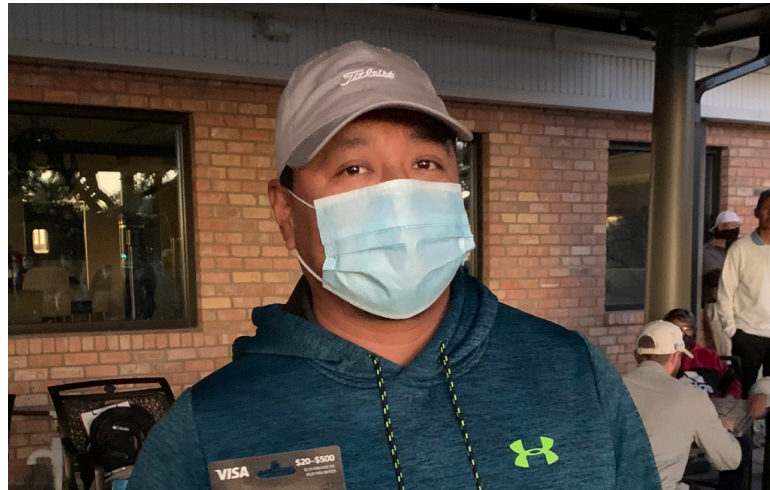
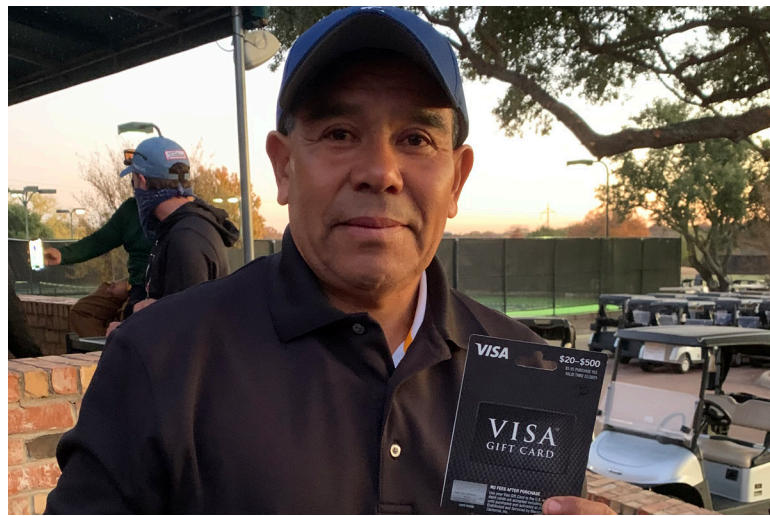


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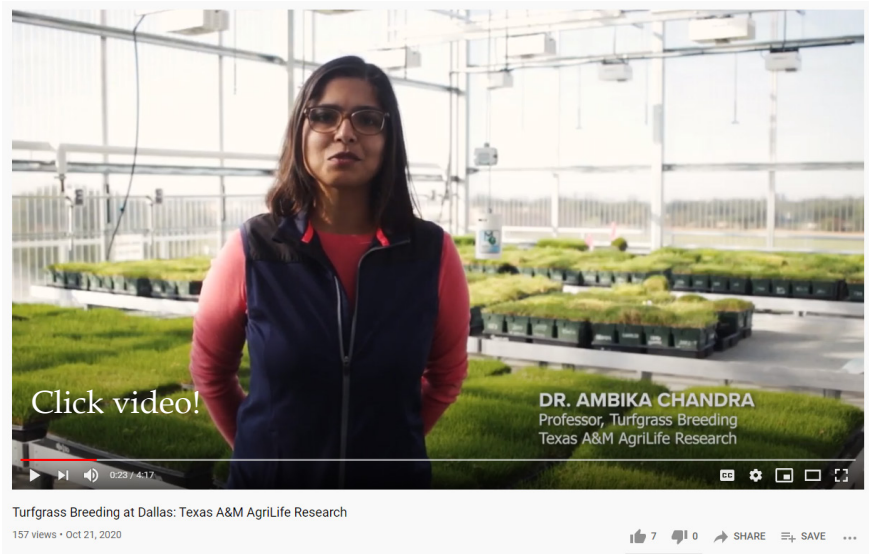
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