

2022 Bully Cup - East Prevails!

Led by captain and NTGCSA Vice President, Neil Packard, the East prevailed at this year's 2022 Bully Cup held at the Golf Club Fossil Creek. Thank you to superintendent Nathan Swanson for hosting us! This is the third year in a row that the East has taken the cup, bringing the all-time results to East 13, West 12. There has been one tie in the 26 year history of the event.



Bully Cup All-Time Results

2022 - East	2013 - East	2004 - East
2021 - East	2012 - West	2003 - East
2020 - East	2011 - East	2002 - West
2019 - West	2010 - West	2001 - West
2018 - Tie	2009 - East	2000 - West
2017 - West	2008 - West	1999 - East
2016 - East	2007 - West	1998 - West
2015 - Easy	2006 - East	1997 - West
2014 West	2005 - East	

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Stephen Best Pro/Super Memorial Tournament

May 10, 2022

Sky Creek Ranch

Chapter Championship

June 8, 2022

Texas Rangers Golf Course

Family Social

July 16, 2022

PinStack Plano

Fall Education

August 3, 2022

Texas A&M Agrilife Extension

September Golf and Meeting

September 2022

Location TBD

Shop Tour

October 2022

Trinity Forest

Annual Meeting

October 2022

Location TBD

Scholarship Tournament

November 14, 2022

Las Colinas Country Club

Other Events and Dates to be announced soon!

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President's Message

Here Comes 2020(Too)??

As we usher in a new year, and on many levels, hope to put some portion of the past two years of a pandemic behind us, we have to ask ourselves what this year ahead looks like. COVID numbers have spiked and we hope they will fall again just as fast. What does that mean for the months and year ahead personally, professionally, and in the golf industry?

Our board convened in January for a long range planning meeting led by representatives from GSCAA to help us focus and develop a road map for the NTGCSA. With any roadmap, it's hard to see the hazards and potholes along the way, but we strive to manage them as they approach to ensure we reach our destination with record time and accomplishment.

Out of it all, the general consensus of our board the past year has been taking our chapter from "Good to Great". That means many different things to every facet of our chapter and our members. Our board has outlined many goals for the upcoming year, and beyond, to continue the progression of delivering great education, development, and value.

I'm honored to lead this chapter into 2022 and excited about our board's leadership and commitment to making this year a great success. We thank all those who sponsor our chapter and industry to make the events and education a true asset to all of its members. We also want to thank our membership for your participation, growth, and devotion that make our chapter and the golf industry what it is today.

God Bless,

Jason Wiedeman

2022 NTGCSA President



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Nutrient and Pest Management Survey

The GCSAA is seeking data from superintendents regarding nutrient and pest management practices to support the profession and industry as part of its on-going efforts to maintain necessary golf course management resources.

The nutrient and pest management study is part of the third phase of GCSAA's Golf Course Environmental Profile survey program, which consists of three surveys that are funded by the GCSAA Foundation. The nutrient and pest management study will be open through May 15.

GCSAA needs representation from across the U.S. from members, non-members and all facility types. Superintendents should look for an email from the National Golf Foundation, which is conducting the survey on behalf of the GCSAA, or find access on GCSAA's website. All superintendents should participate, and those who complete the surveys will receive 0.50 service points and be entered into drawings for prizes.

The results from the nutrient use and pest management survey will be announced in 2022 and compared against numbers from the first phase in 2006 and the second phase in 2014.

This is the second of three surveys in the third phase. The Water Use and Conservation Practices was conducted in the fall of 2021, and the Property Profile and Environmental Stewardship study will be conducted later this year. The results from all three studies will be released and published four to six months after each survey closes.

Rounds for Research

The Rounds 4 Research program is addressing a critical shortage of funding for ongoing, university-based agronomic research, education, advocacy programs and course operations. You can help with a donation or by bidding on rounds during the online auction.

Rounds 4 Research allows GCSAA chapters and turfgrass foundations to participate as fundraising partners with the vast majority of proceeds going back to those organizations. These organizations can direct the proceeds to specific projects that will have the most significant impact in their local areas.

More than 10,000 rounds of golf have been auctioned off. We're waiting on your donation to help us reach this year's goal. Donate today to be a part of something big. The auction opened on April 25 and runs through May 1. Donate at <https://www.gcsaa.org/foundation/rounds-4-research/donate-a-round>.

Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards

Presented by GCSAA and Golf Digest in partnership with Syngenta, the Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards recognize golf course superintendents and golf courses around the world for their commitment to environmental stewardship. In 2018, the ELGAs were updated to recognize more superintendents in more focused areas of environmental sustainability. The ELGAs are based on the environmental BMPs that GCSAA recommends all courses utilize. Applications are open through April 29.

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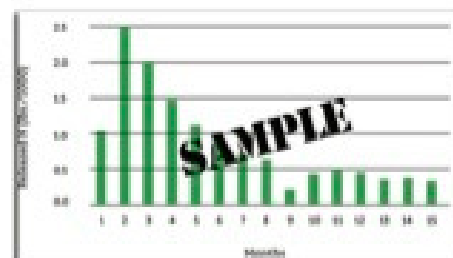
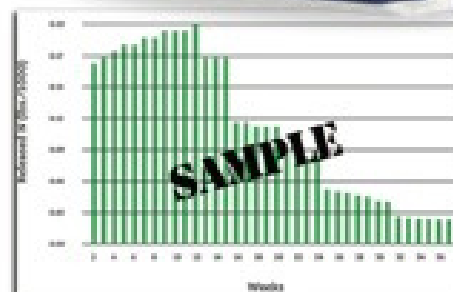
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Emerald and Bronze members get all meetings paid for in advance. This is a discounted rate for paying meeting fees up front. This does not include the annual banquet or the scholarship tournament.

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THE GREAT "PIVOT" by Johnny Walker

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Golf course superintendents seldom use this word but for decades they have been performing the pivot just about everyday at work. Nowhere have we seen the performance of the pivot like we witnessed during the pandemic. Superintendents work in a pivot environment and are professionals at modifying game plans.

GCSAA has also been in a state of pivot during the pandemic. We made many changes in 2020 and 2021 and most recently we pivoted to produce a great Conference and Trade Show in the early part of February of 2022. I know there are still many reasons to be cautious during this COVID era, but hopefully the great attendance at this year's conference in beautiful San Diego shows the pendulum swinging in the right direction again.



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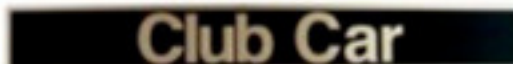
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4. What teams do you root for?

Any and everything Iowa Hawkeyes. St. Louis Blues (with the Dallas Stars as a close second now), Chicago Bears, St. Louis Cardinals.



5. What is one thing readers don't know about you, that they might be interested to learn?

I have never drank a soda, or "pop" as us midwesterners call it, in my life.

6. Once this year's tournament wraps up, what is the first thing you plan to do?

Professionally, we'll need to scramble to get the golf course back to the elevated level that our membership expects. However, the first step in making sure that we execute that mission is a week on the beach in Cancun.

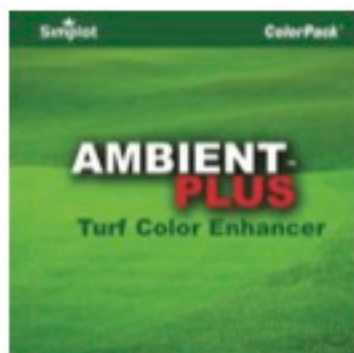
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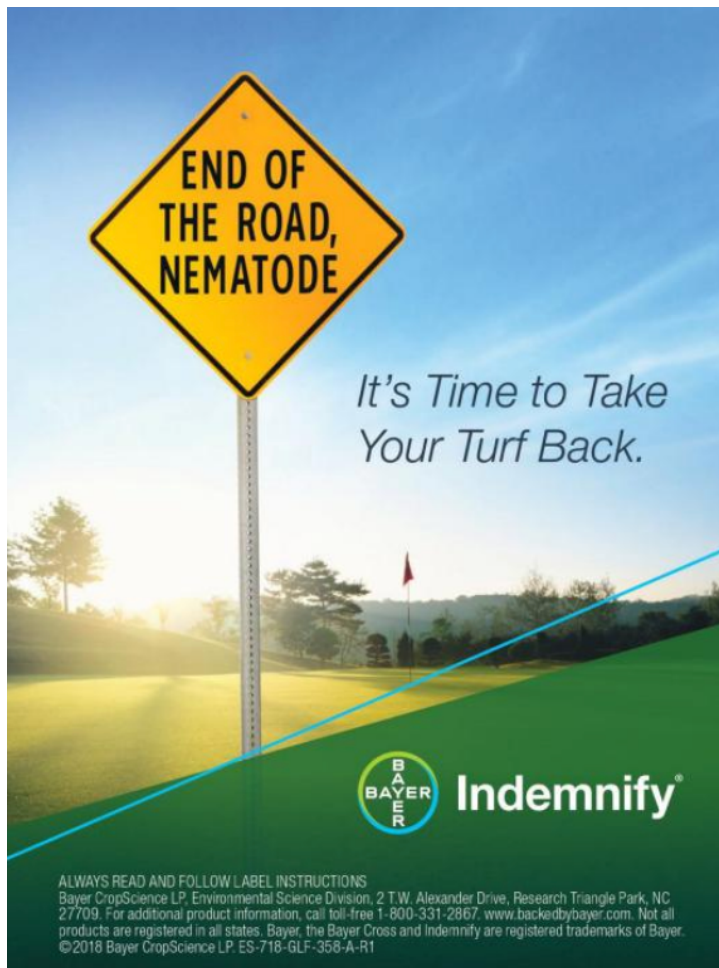
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