

2024 NTGCSA Chapter Championship

Thank you to all that joined us for the 2024 Chapter Championship at The Nelson Golf and Sports Club!

Congratulations to our new Chapter Champion - Chris Edmonson and to our Assistant Champion - Michael Glosier.

We were excited to present the newly renamed Jim Newkirk Affiliate Championship Trophy in memory of long-time NTGCSA member and sponsor Jim Newkirk to our Affiliate Champion - Chris Hendrickson. We also unveiled a new Senior Chapter Champion division. Congratulations to our first ever Senior Chapter Champion, Charlie Trammell.

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President's Message

Well, I think summer is over and the dog days have officially started. The North Texas GCSAA has a lot going on this summer. Next up is our family social at Globe Life Field. We doubled the amount of tickets purchased from last year, and this event has once again sold out! We're looking forward to seeing all of those registered later this month.

In September we will offer our fall continuing education session and are excited to be back at Scottish Right Hospital. As a cherished long partner we are excited to present Scottish Rite with our annual donation and to see and hear about their latest efforts.

I know this time of year is difficult to find time with family and loved ones. Kids are out of school, and I hope you all take advantage of long weekends, short trips and in some cases a VACATION. I know that for a lot of us it seems impossible to get away from the property but it is always a needed break. We also look at our second families, our crew. The hot weather has us checking on them more often to look out for heat stress and keep all of them healthy, I am constantly telling my guys to hydrate, hydrate, hydrate.

Looking ahead, fall and our annual scholarship tournament will be here before we know it. If you have an item for the silent auction let's get it in and ready to raise funds. We would love to be able to make even more of a meaningful impact on students with our legacy and turf scholarships.

We did a great job this year with Rounds 4 Research and nearly doubled our rounds donated, but there is still a lot of room for improvement. I know we talk about the Carolinas Chapter and how much they raise, but I believe the North Texas area includes some of the finest golf courses in the country and that we should always be competitive in our efforts to this cause. It is a huge benefit to our chapter that 85% of funds raised from Rounds 4 Research comes back to our chapter. The more we raise, the better we are financially, which in turn will aid us in keeping the cost of our events down. Start working now on getting rounds donated for next year's auction.

In closing, we have a lot of great events coming up. I hope to see you at one soon. Be safe out there and have a great Summer.

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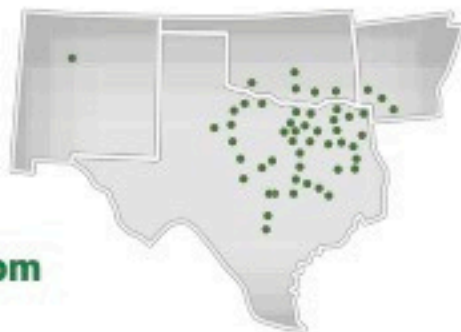


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Stephen Best Pro/Super Memorial Tournament Recap



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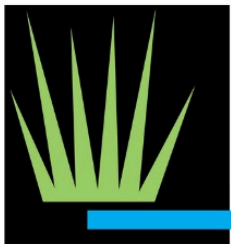
Congratulations to the Pro/Super team of John Bailey and Nic Ishee of Preston Trail on their first place finish in the Pro/Super division. They just edged out Tony Bevolo and Wes Worster of Trinity Forest in a scorecard playoff.

Congratulations to the team of Zane Zuber and Chris Hendrickson on their first place gross finish in the Member/Member division. They finished just one stroke ahead of second place finishers Todd Dattalo and Andy Morrissette.

Bryan Tupa and James Jensen were our first place net finishers. Mike Upchurch and Mike Epps finished second.

Thank you to Todd Dattalo and all of the staff at Cowboys Club for hosting us for this year's event. Thank you also to Platinum Sponsor Turf and Soil Management for continuing to support the NTGCSA and partnering with us on this event.





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Member Spotlight - 2024 Chapter Champion Chris Edmondson, Pine Dunes Resort & Golf Club

Q. Tell me about Pine Dunes.

A. Pine Dunes Resort & Golf Club is located on the edge of the Piney Woods/Post Oak Savannah Region in Frankston, Texas. It was designed by Jay Morrish and built in 2000. We have TifEagle greens and 419 everywhere else. We have been rated the #1 Public Course in Texas many times in the last 20 plus years.

Q. How did you get into the business?

A. I graduated from Stephen F. Austin in 1998 with a degree in Forestry. I left the Forestry business in 2001 to become the Assistant Superintendent at Del Lago Golf Club on Lake Conroe (now The Golf Club at Margaritaville). I became the Assistant Superintendent at Pine Dunes in 2002 and was promoted to the Superintendent position later that year. In 2006 I was promoted to my current position as General Manager while still keeping my duties as the Superintendent.



Q. Where did you grow up?

A. I grew up in Naples, Texas and attended Paul H. Pewitt High School. Go Brahmas!

Q. What has been the toughest obstacle to overcome in your career?

A. Dealing with the public can be challenging. I'm a bit of an introvert so I have to get out of my comfort zone during events and tournaments when speaking in front of large groups.

Q. If you could play a round of golf with any PGA Professional past or present, who would you want to play with?

A. Tiger Woods (2000 version). I think that he played the best golf that has ever been played that year.

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

A. I used to do taxidermy as a hobby.

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The GCSAA Excellence in Government Affairs Award recognizes and honors an individual, chapter or coalition/alliance that demonstrates outstanding advocacy or compliance efforts in government affairs. Any GCSAA member may submit nominations. Nominations are open through August 15.

Nominees will be judged on how their efforts best serve the interests of the golf course superintendent profession and the golf course management industry. Efforts do not have to be “successful” for a nominee to receive the award.

The EGA Award may be given for the creation or successful use of tools, programs or efforts to influence laws and regulations affecting golf course management, including work with lawmakers, regulators, alliances, coalitions and other entities. It may also be given for the creation or successful use of tools, programs or efforts to encourage member compliance with laws and regulations, including environmental laws, occupational safety and chemical applications.

<https://www.gcsaa.org/about-gcsaa/awards/excellence-in-government-affairs-award>

Board Policy Oversight Task Group Seeks Feedback

Every three years, the GCSAA Board of Directors establishes a Board Policy Oversight Task Group tasked with reviewing the strategic intent, prudent use of funds, and impact of all policies regarding GCSAA-paid support and expenses for board members. The task group is scheduled to meet on July 23, 2024, to begin their review.

The task group will present its findings and recommendations to the board and membership October 28-30, 2024, at the 2024 Chapter Delegates Meeting to ensure transparency in board expense and support policies.

The task group wants your feedback on the GCSAA Board Self-Governance Policies.

Contact the task group via email at BPOTG@gcsaa.org by July 22, 2024. Remember, if you hit reply to a listserve message, it goes to all members of that listserve. If you want the message to only go to the task group, forward it using just the BPOTG@gcsaa.org email address.

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Member Spotlight - 2024 Assistant Superintendent Champion Mike Glosier - The Clubs of Stonebridge Ranch, The Dye Course

Q. Tell me about Stonebridge Ranch.

A. The Clubs of Stonebridge Ranch is a 45-hole golf and country club in McKinney, TX. I am the Assistant Superintendent at The Dye Course, a very tough 18-hole course designed by Pete Dye that opened in 1988. Pete Dye was quoted on the Golf Channel saying, "I'm not sure if it's the toughest course, but it does have the four hardest finishing holes I've ever put on a golf course." The Hills Course is a 27-hole course designed by Arthur Hills, about a half a mile down the road from The Dye Course.

Q. How did you get into the business?

A. I was in electric motor sales for eight years up until 2020. I got laid off when Covid started, and there weren't a lot of places hiring. I played golf all the way through college and had previously volunteered with Kasey Kauff down at Trinity Forest for the Byron Nelson, and it was something I thoroughly enjoyed. I saw an opening at Stonebridge in late April of 2020 and was hired in May. I started out raking bunkers and began to learn more and more about the agronomy side of golf with the help and patience of Michael Moore and Derek Woods, which led me to become the Assistant Superintendent.

Q. Where did you grow up?

A. I grew up in a suburb of St. Louis, Missouri called St. Charles. I moved down to Dallas in 2014 for a promotion to outside sales in the North Texas region.

Q. What has been the toughest obstacle to overcome in your career?

A. Starting over at 30 years old after being laid off during Covid. I was in a brand-new career field that was unrelated to my marketing major from college.

Q. Who is someone you'd liked to have met?

A. Donald Ross. I'm a big fan of his golf course designs, and it would have been a great experience to have met him and hear his thoughts.

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

A. I played Division II college golf at Quincy University, a small school in Illinois.

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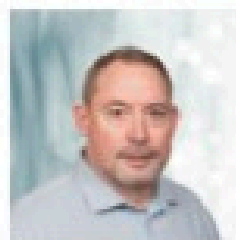
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This year's NTGCSA Legacy Scholarship applications are now open on the NTGCSA Web site at https://ntgcsa.org/form.php?form_id=22. The North Texas GCSA Legacy Scholarship offers educational aid to children and grandchildren of NTGCSA members in good standing.

The student must be enrolled full-time at an accredited institution of higher learning, or in the case of high school seniors, must be accepted at such an institution for the next academic year. To be eligible, the application must be filled out completely and submitted by September 27, 2024.

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The NTGCSA Turfgrass Scholarship sponsored by AmeriTurf is now open. This scholarship offers educational aid to a student currently attending or enrolled in an accredited university and pursuing a degree in Turfgrass Management (or a related field) with the intentions of becoming a golf course superintendent.

Applications and more information can be found on our Web site can be found at https://ntgcsa.org/form.php?form_id=23. Applications are due by September 27, 2024.

2024 Award Nominations

The NTGCSA is approaching the time of year when we honor the many deserving members who have demonstrated an above and beyond effort and commitment to their golf facility, their association and their profession. Each year, the winners are honored at the Annual Awards Banquet held in January.

NTGCSA Superintendent of the Year

The NTGCSA has honored a Superintendent each year with the A.C. and Garry Bearden Superintendent of the Year Award. In 2003, the board chose to request nominations for deserving candidates from Club Officials, General Managers, and Head Golf Professionals at facilities where eligible members are employed. Recommendation letters are due no later than September 27, 2024. A committee comprised of the past five award winners as well as two current North Texas GCSA Board members will evaluate all the submissions before presenting a slate to membership for a vote.

NTGCSA Assistant Superintendent of the Year

The Board of Directors is excited to announce a great opportunity for the "unsung heroes" of our industry to be recognized for their hard work, commitment and dedication. Nominations for the Assistant Superintendent of the Year can be submitted on our Web site by September 27, 2024.

NTGCSA Distinguished Service Award

Since 2003, the NTGCSA has honored a select few members with the Distinguished Service Award. This award is given to members who have displayed a distinguished level of service and commitment to the golf industry in the North Texas region. In an effort to formally announce nominees at our annual meeting in November, the deadline for nominations for this year is September 27, 2024. Nominations can be made on the NTGCSA Web site.

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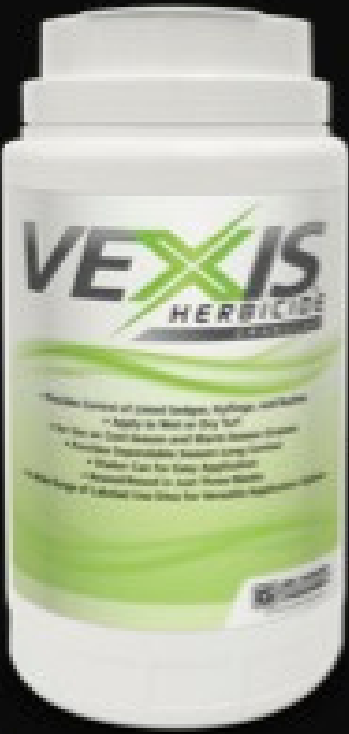
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Thank you to all of you that have already renewed!

All memberships for 2024 can be renewed and paid for directly on our Web site at www.ntgcsa.com.

If you have trouble with your log-in, or prefer an invoice, be sure to contact Shannon at:

ntgcsa@gmail.com.

Paid Membership Options

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- Annual Awards Banquet Committee
- Annual Meeting Committee
- Assistant Superintendent & EM Committee
- Awards and Recognition Committee
- Chapter Delegates Committee
- Education Committee
- Finance Committee
- Golf & Event Outings Committee
- Lonestar GCSA Committee
- Scholarship Committee

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