

2025 NTGCSA Chapter Championship

Thank you to all that joined us for the 2025 Chapter Championship at Hackberry Creek Country Club!

Congratulations to our new Chapter Champion - Stephen Fox and to our Assistant Champion - Jose Medina. Congratulations also to the Jim Newkirk Affiliate Champion, Chad Gibson and to repeat Senior Chapter Champion, Charlie Trammell.

Thank you to Zane Zuber and the entire staff at Hackberry for hosting us for this year's event. Thank you also to Platinum Sponsor Harrell's for continuing to support the NTGCSA and partnering with us on this event.

Superintendent

1st Place Gross - Stephen Fox
 2nd Place Gross - Kyle Moore

Flight 1

1st Place Net - Monty Ashworth
 2nd Place Net - Rusty Abernathy

Flight 2

1st Place Net - Brian Sutton
 2nd Place Net - Tim Muench

Assistant Superintendent

1st Place Gross - Jose Medina
 1st Place Net - Koby Hatch

Senior Superintendent

1st Place Gross Winner - Charlie Trammell
 1st Place Net Winner - Antonio Rodriguez

Affiliates

1st Place Gross - Chad Gibson
 2nd Place Gross - Tyler Ellis

Flight 1

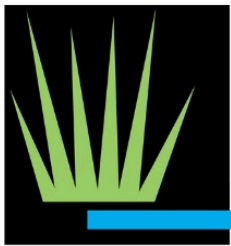
1st Place Net - Rusty Walker
 2nd Place Net - James Jensen

Flight 2

1st Place Net - Pat Cooper
 2nd Place Net - Jim Garrett



Congratulations to our Closest to the Pin proximity winners - Tony Bevolo on hole #8, Neil Packard on hole #11 and Pete Williams on hole #17. Congratulations to our Longest Drive winner - Pete Williams.



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August 20, 2025
Iron Horse Golf Course

Fall Education
September 24, 2025
Scottish Rite

Annual Meeting
October 21, 2025
Grapevine Golf Course

Scholarship Tournament
November 17, 2025
Shady Oaks Country Club

Crew Championship
December 10, 2025
Tenison Park Golf Course

Other Events and Dates to be announced soon!





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President's Message

I shared a hope at the end of my last newsletter that mother nature be good to us this summer, and so far we've been mild. Normally this newsletter would be wishing for a rain shower or cooler temperatures, but I can't say that for this year! It's felt more like early May with all the rain we've had, and I've honestly never received so many lightning alerts from work in July.

I want to first note that we recently sent out a member survey, and we'd greatly appreciate it if you could take just 5-10 minutes to fill it out. Your responses will help guide the board in finding ways to better serve our association. When we conducted a similar survey in the past, we received only about 11% in responses, so I hope we can get more than that this time. The more feedback we get, the better we can improve, and ultimately, we'll all benefit from a stronger, more engaged community.

We are proud to continue supporting the future of our industry through two vital scholarship programs: The Legacy and the NTGCSA Turfgrass Scholarships applications are live and available on our website under the Scholarships section. If you have a son or daughter who is heading to college—or already enrolled—this is a great opportunity to apply for some extra financial help. College expenses can add up quickly! Please make sure all of the information is filled out completely, as this is a crucial step in the grading process.

Also, on our website, you'll find a new tab for nominations for the following awards: Assistant Superintendent of the Year, Superintendent of the Year, and Distinguished Service Award. I want to especially highlight the importance of nominating an Assistant Superintendent. Many of us have worked closely with one, and we know how crucial their role is in our daily operations. Unfortunately, in the past few years, the number of nominations for this award has been disappointingly low. Let's change that and make sure deserving individuals are recognized for their hard work.

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our recent events! The Member Social was a new addition this year, and it turned out to be a fantastic experience for those who attended. Both the Pro/Super and Chapter Championship events were well attended - special thanks to Stonebridge Ranch and Hackberry for hosting us. We're also incredibly thankful for the support of our Platinum sponsors - Helena, PTP, and Harrell's - in making these events possible.

Lastly, I want to extend my heartfelt thoughts and prayers to everyone in Central Texas impacted by the recent floods. I can only begin to imagine the challenges they're facing during this difficult time.

Thank you all for your continued dedication and involvement in our chapter - your support is what makes everything we do possible. It's an honor to serve on this board.

Coby Morrow - NTGCSA Chapter President



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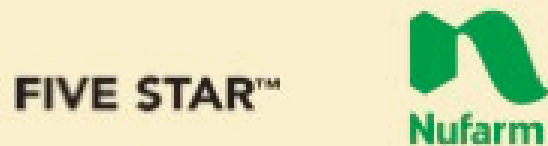
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NTGCSA Legacy Scholarships

This year's NTGCSA Legacy Scholarship applications are now open on the NTGCSA website 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 October 3, 2025.

NTGCSA Turf Scholarships

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.

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2025 Member Social

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If you haven't been to TX Whiskey, be sure to make a trip. The tasting, education and facility were all fantastic. We hope to do more events like this in future - stay tuned for what we come up with next!



2025 NTGCSA EVENTS

8/20 SUMMER SCRAMBLE - IRON HORSE GOLF COURSE

9/24 FALL EDUCATION - SCOTTISH RITE

10/21 ANNUAL MEETING - GRAPEVINE GOLF COURSE

11/17 SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT - SHADY OAKS CC

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2025 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 26, 2025. 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 website by September 26, 2025.

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 October, the deadline for nominations for this year is September 26, 2025. Nominations can be made on the NTGCSA website.

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EGA Award Nominations Now Open

The Excellence in Government Affairs Award honors an individual, chapter or coalition/alliance that demonstrates outstanding advocacy or compliance efforts in government affairs. All GCSAA-affiliated chapter and all Class AA, A, B and C members are eligible to submit nominations, including self-nominations. Nominations are due August 15. Nomination forms and more information can be found on the GCSAA website at www.gcsaa.org

Dog Calendar Submission

The 2026 Dog Days of Golf calendar photo submissions are now open. The Dog Days of Golf calendar is sponsored by LebanonTurf in cooperation with GCSAA.

Photo Requirements:

- MUST BE HORIZONTAL.
- Vertical images will NOT be considered.
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- Image must be a minimum size of 1.0 MB (images under 1.0 MB will not be considered for the calendar).

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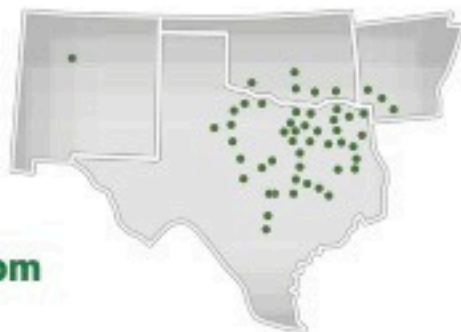


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Member Spotlight - 2025 Chapter Champion Stephen Fox, Iron Horse Golf Course

Q. Tell me about Iron Horse.

A. Iron Horse is an 18 hole public facility owned by North Richland Hills and managed by Kemper Sports. I have been here since September 2024.

Q. How did you get into the business?

A. After high school, I moved to Orlando, FL in 1992 and went to work with my Uncle who was an assistant superintendent at a course down there. I have been working in the golf industry ever since. Myself and my two uncles have over 100 years combined in the turf industry.

Q. Where did you grow up?

A. I was born and raised in Henryetta, OK.

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

A. I was always told that not having a turf degree would be a huge obstacle, and it has been to a small degree. But, honestly I think the “ever change attitude” of the workforce has been the bigger obstacle.

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


A. My father was killed a few weeks before my 2nd birthday, so I would have obviously liked to have had more time with him.

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

A. I would love to play a round of golf with Arnie. It would be amazing to see his go for it gusto and that larger than life personality.

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

A. I have three daughters at home and I'm a proud “Girls Sports Dad”. They have played basketball, softball, wrestling and one of them has even played tackle football with the boys. I get great joy out of helping them and seeing them succeed.



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Member Spotlight -2025 Assistant Superintendent Champion

Jose Medina, Sherrill Park

Q. Tell me about Sherrill Park.

A. Sherrill Park is a 36-hole municipal golf course in Richardson. Course 1 is a longer, more forgiving course than Course 2. Course 2 was recently renovated in 2024 by D.A. Weibring and Steve Wolford. With a staff of 13 it takes everyone working together as a team to accomplish the goals and meet the standards that we have set for ourselves.

Q. How did you get into the business?

A. I started young working on golf courses. My first experience with golf course maintenance was at Royal Oaks Country Club. I learned everything from raking bunkers to mowing all playing surfaces to hand watering greens.

Q. Where did you grow up?

A. I grew up in Grand Prairie but now live in Garland.

Q. What teams do you root for?

A. I am a Denver Broncos fan. It's funny, I love horses. Growing up my dad was a bull rider, and I loved going to the arena watching the bulls and horses.

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

A. Obtaining my TDA License earlier this year. I had been working towards my license for a few years, but it wasn't until Grant started that I really became motivated to get it done. There were areas I was struggling with understanding, and he took time to go over those and build my confidence back up enough to take it again. It took a few attempts, but all our hard work paid off and I passed and was promoted to Assistant Superintendent. In my new role I am learning a lot from Grant on how to lead and manage the staff daily.

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

A. Collin Morikawa

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

A. I am passionate about my work and love playing golf. I won the Richardson City Championship in 2019 and 2024. I also grew up boxing so when I am not playing golf, I still enjoy hitting a bag.

Q. If you had an hour of free time, how would you spend it?

A. With my family.

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First Green, established in 1997, is the only STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) program in the U.S. and Canada that transforms golf courses into living laboratories. GCSAA's First Green immerses K-12 students in hands-on explorations of turf science, water conservation, soil health, wildlife habitats, math on the course and careers in golf course management.

Why host a field trip this summer?

Community Connection: Introduce local youth groups – like Scouts or Boys & Girls Clubs – to the positive impact your golf course has on the environment and their community.

Environmental Stewardship: Showcase your efforts in water conservation, wildlife habitat preservation, native plantings and innovative turf science.

Inspire Future Leaders: Ignite curiosity and show students the exciting role of a golf course superintendent, equipment manager or turfgrass scientist.

Have Fun: It's summertime and that means fun! And while you know the kids will have fun – you and your team will, too. Golf course superintendents always say that hosting a field trip is a highlight of their year.

Easy steps to say “Yes” to First Green

1. Visit the First Green website: Learn more and register your interest in hosting a field trip.
2. Pick a youth partner: Reach out to your junior golf program or local groups like Scouts or the Boys & Girls Club. A personal intro always helps.
3. Outline your field trip: Work with First Green resources to choose activities and materials. Labs typically run 15-20 mins each – soil sampling, water testing, wildlife surveys, equipment demos and even putting challenges are all crowd favorites.
4. Finalize logistics: Set a date and plan for equipment, staff safety and any access needs.
5. Promote the event: Share it via local media, social posts or club newsletters to highlight your stewardship in action.

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Membership Renewals

NTGCSA Memberships run on the calendar year and expired on December 31, 2024 - regardless of when you signed up and paid your dues.

Thank you to all of you that have already renewed!

All memberships for 2025 can be renewed and paid for directly on our website 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.

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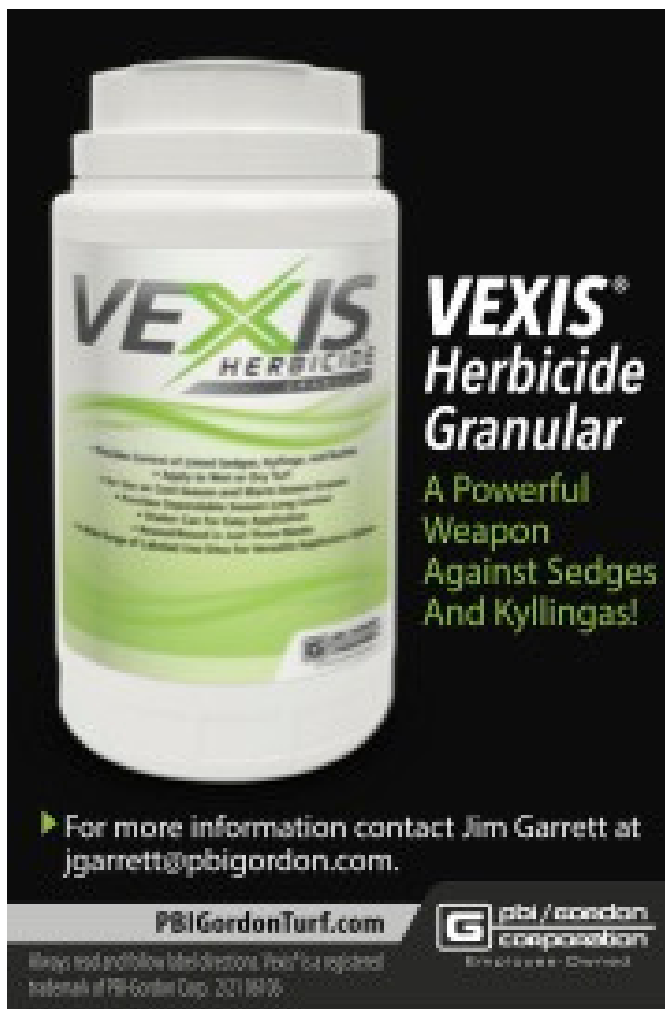
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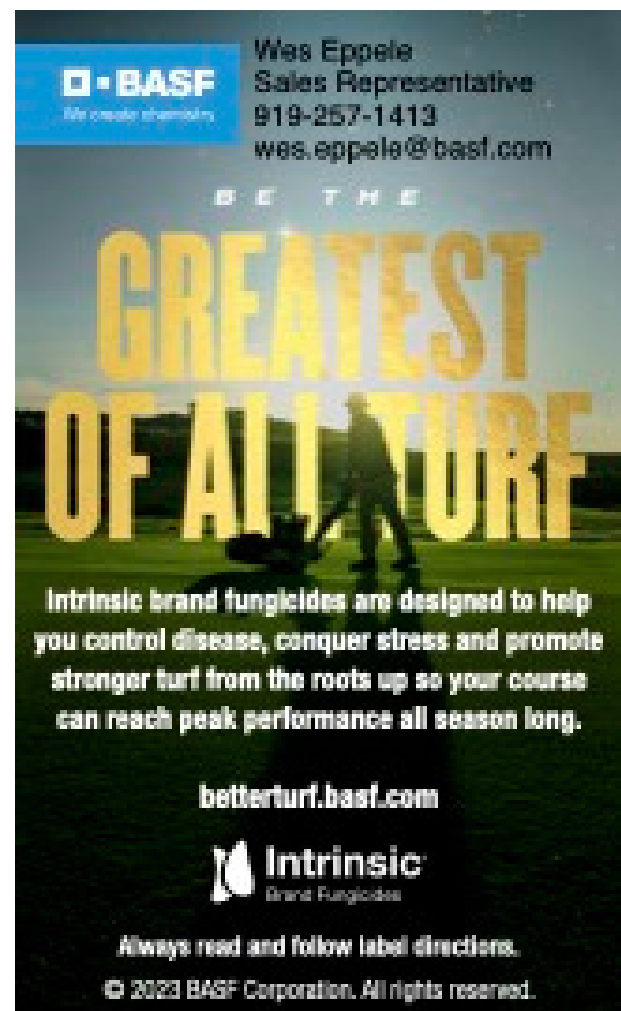
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