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President's Message



As I sit here writing this I am on day four of quarantine due to Covid. Four days stuck in my house has made me REALLY appreciate getting up each morning and going to the course. Admittedly, my assistant's and crew probably are enjoying my time away!

I am also very appreciative of the opportunity to serve this great Association. I can assure you that the current Board members are eager to make the Association better, and are actively discussing ways to improve it. With that being said, I strongly encourage you to please support chapter events by attending a few throughout the year. The Assistant's and Equipment Manager's Seminar as well as the Top Golf Sponsor Appreciation Outing are now behind us, but events coming up later this spring are: Spring Meeting with Golf at Wynlakes Golf and Country Club in Montgomery, and the Night Golf Tournament at Highland Park.

This would be a great time to recognize Chad Eldred and Travis Cook for their

hard work in putting the Assistant and Equipment Manager's Seminar together. Kudos to both of you for the effort in making it happen.

I would like to congratulate Travis Cook who was honored with the inaugural Emerging Leader's Award from the GCSAA. The Emerging Leader Award recognizes a GCSAA member who serves the industry as a superintendent with less than five years' experience, and who displays continuous growth in service and leadership.

Lastly, I would like to encourage you to please let one of the Board members or Melanie know if you have any ideas or suggestions to improve our Chapter. Our obligation is to serve the members of the Alabama GCSA and we would love to hear from you!

Have a great 2022!

L. J. Robinson
Hoover Country Club



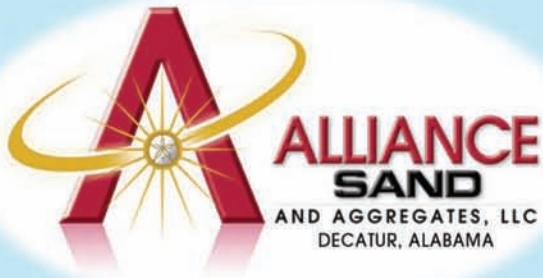
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Jeff Rainwater, Landscape Supervisor at The Country Club of Birmingham Believes in the Importance of Growing in Knowledge and Expertise and Improving Every Day

By Melanie Bonds

Jeff began cutting grass at his father's airport in Mississippi in his early teens. There must have been a bit of an edge to that job! During college at Mississippi State, he worked as a co-op student at golf courses in Hot Springs, AR, Memphis, TN, and Birmingham, AL.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy/Turfgrass Management from Mississippi State University in 1994, Jeff returned to The Country Club of Birmingham in 1995. He had interned there the previous year. He was made an assistant upon his graduation from Mississippi State. Once the position of Landscape Superintendent became available in 1997, Jeff transitioned into that post. He has now been at The Country Club of Birmingham for over twenty years.

Jeff enjoys "creating and maintaining a beautiful landscape and having the freedom (and budget) to make it happen." Any visitor to The Country Club of Birmingham can see that Jeff's efforts pay off consistently. There is always more to learn. According to Jeff, "Combining new technology with older practices opens a world of possibilities. I am also surprised at how many things I take for granted are completely unfamiliar to the younger generations that come to work with us."

As Landscape Superintendent Jeff's responsibilities include maintaining turf and landscaping around the clubhouse areas, as well as caring for the trees and landscape areas on two 18-hole golf courses. "My job description seems to be whatever is needed today."

"I find that the greatest challenge is training and retaining good staff. I can get live bodies that help fulfill our daily tasks, but the detail work requires training and understanding on an individual basis. It is increasing difficult to find people that want to learn and do high quality work."



Jeff with his family: (l-r): Leann, Katie, Jeff and Margaret

This Jeff must be accomplishing based on the quality of the output of his work. He believes advice given to him by Joe Brigrance, a golf course builder, helps accomplish this goal: "Take care of your people. If they can't get enough hours and make enough to pay their bills, they will go where they can."

It is important to Jeff that he continues to grow in his knowledge

and expertise, improving each day. "I have come to realize that I always have something new to learn even in things I have done for years."

In time away from his job, Jeff is a man of many hobbies. "I am always trying new projects to learn new skills and test my abilities. This includes maintaining my home and landscape, as well as working on engines and carpentry. I also enjoy hunting and watching MSU football. I also read a lot. It is not uncommon for me to have an I-pad, a book and a technical manual stacked together next to my recliner."

Jeff lives in Hoover with his wife of 23 years, Leanne. Leanne works in the administrative office at their church, Shades Mountain Community Church in Hoover. Their girls, Katie (21) and Maggie (18) both attend MSU and both are majoring in Communications. Jeff says, "Whenever possible, they gang up on me to take them to their happy place, Walt Disney World!"

We are grateful that Jeff maintains his membership with the Alabama Chapter over many years. He is also a Certified Arborist with the International Society of Arboriculture since 2008. In addition, Jeff serves on the council with the Alabama Urban Forestry Association.



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Tony Camardella with Economy Stump Grinding: “An Opportunity to be a Blessing!”

By Melanie Bonds



When Tony was flipping a house with his daughter and her husband, they needed a stump ground. The gentleman who ground it was 67 years old, and after he completed the job, Tony handed him a check and asked him if he could buy his business. “The gentleman said No! For the next three years, I would cut trees down every 6 to 9 months, just to have the opportunity to have him come grind the stumps. I had a vision for my future, and I knew he’d be ready to sell in his own time. I wanted to be in the position to take the reins.”

Tony has a Bachelors’ degree in Business and an Associates’ degree in Nursing. He trained for running a Stump Grinding Company when he worked for six months with the owner of the business prior to buying it. Tony has worked on many golf courses in Alabama.

Tony enjoys working outside, and the variety of environments he experiences while grinding stumps. He is grateful for those opportunities. “What I absolutely appreciate the most is getting to meet and connect with the people who call on me for my stump grinding.” He says, “Lee McLemore, at The Country Club of Birmingham, has been instrumental in educating me on the proper care and respect of the course.”

“I am very fortunate to have been on many of Alabama’s beautiful golf courses – but, unfortunately – none of them really make it any easier for me to find my ball when it’s off in the woods. I only play golf well enough to have two or three good shots per round, so I am sucker enough to come back and play again!” While a big physical challenge to Tony’s work is rocks, he finds another challenging aspect of business to be sharing the name of his company with as many people as possible. “And, truthfully - the most challenging part of running this business is budgeting for the long stretches between stump grinding jobs, when major expenses or repairs are needed.”

A mix of nursing and the flexibility that Economy Stump Grinding has given Tony makes time available for him to do mission work. He would like to have increased opportunities to work in the mission field as time goes by. “I consider it a calling to work on serve projects through my church and small groups. I really like the physical work and seeing the good I can do for others with my hands.”

Tony’s wife is Veronica. He says, “Some of you have met my adorable bride, who gets to join me stump grinding, when she’s not at her job as a wellness clinic counselor. I have two children: a son who is 31 and my daughter, who is 26. She has our only

grandchild, who is now three and incredibly precious." Some of you may have been fortunate to have met Tony's family at the Barons game last summer and we hope they can attend again this year!

"I am certainly grateful for all of the stumps I've been able to grind on Alabama golf courses, as well as getting to be a part of this Association. When it comes to working with golf courses – I may be exaggerating my benefits, but I think of myself as, not just a stump grinder, but someone who is working to protect the assets of each golf course. Equipment is expensive and when stumps are removed it reduces the probability that an employee may accidentally run over a stump that could do damage to equipment. While anyone can grind a stump, each stump can be an opportunity to be a blessing, share joy and encourage people to treasure peace."

Tony's company is Economy Stump Grinding (205-218-4828) economystump@gmail.com

<https://www.economystumpremoval.com>. Many of you have seen him about the golf course during our meetings the past few years. Tony, thank you for being a sponsor of our Association!



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Beautiful Weather and Big Smiles Mark 2021 Donnie Arthur Tournament at The Country Club of Birmingham



Neal Wisdom presents Lee McLemore, CGCS with a gift in appreciation for hosting!

Unseasonable rains left the Donnie Arthur Tournament Committee Scrambling to find a new venue for this annual event. Hoover Country Club was flooded, not just once, but twice in a matter of weeks. Kudos to L. J. Robinson for trying to make it work, but sometimes Mother Nature will win out! Fortunately, Lee McLemore, CGCS and The Country Club of Birmingham came to our rescue. They hosted the tournament on November 15th and the beautiful weather that day almost made up for the many days of rains in the previous weeks!

This year's tournament raised over \$30,000 that goes to fund our scholarships, turfgrass research through The Alabama Turfgrass Research Foundation, The Alabama Center for Childhood Cancer and Blood Disorders at Children's of Alabama and UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Many thanks to Lee McLemore, CGCS, Bobby Knight, Tim Kochs, Jeff Rainwater and all the staff at The Country Club of Birmingham who made this a wonderful day for our Association. Many thanks to all those who donated to make this a successful event.

I want to say a special thanks to Tricia Roberts and Amanda Miles of Prologue, who made this event happen when I was unable to work. It would not have been possible without them stepping up to the plate! Also, we thank all the volunteers who came out, especially Ms. Emily Hornak with Children's Hospital. This tournament would not be possible without our Committee and Volunteers!



The Auction is always a popular event. Neal looks like he's ready to go to work!



Coming in Last Place, though they are contesting is the NorthRiver Team: (l-r) Matt Devine, Ty



Congratulations to our First Place Winning Team from Burning Tree Country Club, with affiliate member, Bryan Scroggins with Harrells. From l-r: Alan Vilareal, Bryan Scroggins, Colby Owen and Tom Dickman. Scoring some nice golf bags from The Country Club of Birmingham Pro Shop

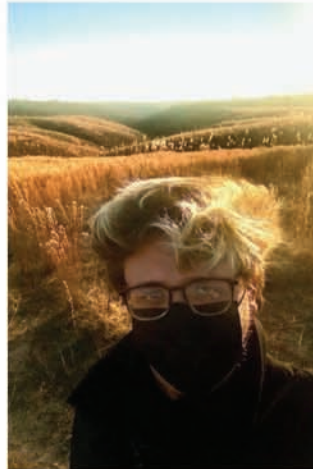


Scoring High with 2021 Franny McLemore Legacy Scholarship Winners

Jackson Floyd

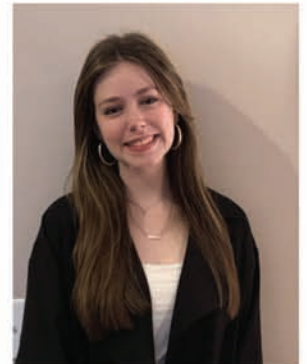
Jackson is the son of Paul Floyd. He attended Austin High School in Decatur, Alabama and is presently attending the University of North Alabama. Jackson is an accomplished musician as well as an excellent student

Jackson says, "My goals in life is to better other people's lives. One reason why I chose Entertainment Industry as a major is because I like the idea of having a career where I can improve someone's sense of well-being. That's what music has done for me, and I look forward to producing music that everyone can enjoy, including producing music for theatre, movies, commercials and as a music producer for artists in all genres."



Gillian Fox

Gillian is the daughter of Gib Fox. She attended Northridge High School in Tuscaloosa and is presently enrolled in the University of Alabama, where she plans to major in Communicative Disorders. Gillian is on the Dean's List at Alabama as well as being a member of the National Honor Society.



Her interests are diversified and she is on the JV Softball team as well as participating in instrumental band and being a member of the Delta Gamma Sorority.

William Humphrey

William Roland Humphrey is pictured here with his father Billy Humphrey. William Roland attended Chelsea High School and received a scholarship from the University of Alabama in Huntsville. He enjoys playing the guitar and studies hard to reach his goals!



Paten Junkin

Paten is the son of Glen Junkin and attends Mississippi State University as did his dad. An attendee of Brooks High School in Killen, Alabama, Paten is studying Electrical Engineering and plans to become a Licensed Professional Engineer with a Masters in Business.



Andrew Lee



Andrew is the son of Jeff Lee and began his fall semester at Auburn in 2021. An attendee of Huntsville High School, he is majoring in Aerospace Engineering. "I hope to help create a rocket that can bolter the next step in outer space exploration." Auburn has an excellent engineering school so he is well set to accomplish his goal!



Anna Oelmann

Anna is the daughter of Jeff Oelmann, CGCS. She is a graduate of Auburn High School and attends the University of North Alabama where she is majoring in Hospitality and Events Management. She is also a gifted linguist and will graduate with honors.

AGCSA Scholarship Program, Continued



Margaret Rainwater

Margaret attended Heritage Christian academy and she is currently enrolled at Mississippi State where she is majoring in Communications and Public Relations. She enjoys a variety of extracurricular activities, as well as being active in her church, Shades Mountain Community Church in Birmingham and attending Pinelake Church in Starkville.



Tripp Richardson

Tripp is the son of Trevor Richardson, superintendent at Cambrian Ridge golf course. Tripp attends Auburn University where he is majoring in Building Science. Tripp has received "Captain Awards" in football, baseball and basketball and is on the Dean's List at Auburn.



Grant Sutton

Grant is the son of Jeremy Sutton of Montgomery Country Club and attended Alabama Christian Academy. He currently attends Southern Union State Community College. Grant is majoring in Business and Entrepreneurship. Grant is a member of the National Honor Society.

Donnie Arthur Memorial Turfgrass Scholarship Awarded to Macy Sansing



Macy is a sophomore at Mississippi State University where she is studying Agronomy with a concentration in turf management. She was President of her Senior Class in High school. A member of the National Honor Society, Macy was president of her golf team her sophomore and junior year as well. She is a well-rounded individual who enjoys hunting, fishing and playing golf. Congratulations,, Macy on being the first female to be awarded the AGCSA Turfgrass Scholarship!



The Alabama Chapter of the GCSA is pleased to announce our 2021 Scholarship Winners. This year we awarded nine Franny McLemore Legacy scholarships, surpassing the number of awards in any previous year. Each year our Chapter awards Legacy Scholarships to our members qualified children and grandchildren. We also award one turfgrass scholarship each year.

The scholarship guidelines and application can be downloaded at alabamagcsaa.com, or you can

contact Melanie directly and she will be happy to send the information. The deadline for applications is October 15th of the year. **In 2019 the Board has made one change to our scholarship qualifications. The applicant must be enrolled as a Freshman in college in order to apply. Congratulations to our winners. What a bright, talented group of young people!**

Congratulations to Travis Cook on Winning First “Emerging Leader” Award from GCSAA

By Kelsey Underwood, Reprinted from GCSAA, Media Room News Releases



Travis Cook, Greystone Founders Course, accepts inaugural “Emerging Leaders” Award

Travis Cook, Founders Course superintendent at Greystone Golf and Country Club in Birmingham, Ala., is the winner of the inaugural Emerging Leader Award from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

The Emerging Leader Award, which is sponsored by John Deere, recognizes an individual who serves the industry as a superintendent with less than five years’ experience, student, associate member, or assistant, who displays continuous growth in service and leadership.

“This award is payoff for all my years of dedication to help lead our industry into the future. I believe that our responsibilities on and off the course provide great benefits to the lives around us, and most don’t even know what we do,” Cook said. “It’s my passion to spread the word about the many great contributions all golf courses and their managers provide to the world.”

Cook received an associate’s degree in turf and turfgrass management from Florida Gateway College. He began his career as an assistant superintendent at Magnolia Point Golf and Country in Green Cove Springs, Fla. After five years there, he became assistant superintendent at The Country Club of Birmingham (Ala.). In July of 2021, he stepped into his current role as Founders Course superintendent at Greystone Golf and Country Club.

“Throughout his career, he has continually sought to develop himself as a leader and turf professional,” said Jason Miller, director of golf course operations at Greystone Golf and Country Club. “He takes pride in mentoring his staff, including developing interns and assistants.”

Cook has been involved with the Alabama Golf Course Superintendent Association since 2016, during which he has served on the board of directors as Class C Representative and as communications chairman. In 2018, his dedication, leadership and commitment to professional growth led to him being named The Country Club of Birmingham Employee of the Year. That same year, Cook also helped with writing Alabama’s Best Management Practices manual.

He served as a Grassroots Ambassador for GCSAA from 2018 to 2021 while also participating in the EXCEL Leadership Program as a member of the inaugural class. In 2021, Cook completed the GCSAA Assistant Superintendent Certificate Series and participated in National Golf Day.

“Young professionals like Travis Cook are already shaping the future of the golf course industry, and his commitment to developing himself and others professionally is commendable,” GCSAA CEO Rhett Evans said. “Congratulations to Travis for winning the first Emerging Leader Award.”

At the local level, Cook has volunteered for a children’s hospital in Birmingham by organizing and participating in a putting activity for terminally ill children and hosted a bone marrow recipient child for a golf outing. In 2020, he was an informative speaker at Middleburg (Fla.) High School FFA club, where he advocated for the golf course industry to encourage more youth to pursue a career in golf course management.



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The Winter of Facility BMP's

by Ron Wright, CGCS, Southeast Field Representative
Golf Course Superintendents Association of America



Photo Courtesy of Kevin Brooks, Greystone Legacy Course

It's that time of year. Unless you're in a tropical spot, you probably aren't growing any turf right now. That gives many superintendents some time to take a deep breath and get ready for next year, enjoy the holidays, watch football, and maybe do some hunting. But this is also the best time of year to dedicate to some quiet office time as well. That means it's a great time to move forward with your facility BMP!

The facility BMP isn't all that hard to complete. Heck, the state has already done the majority of the work when all 50 states published BMP manuals a year ago. All you really need to do is to download the state BMP document and make it your own.

That sounds easy but there's time involved to take out anything in the state manual that doesn't pertain to your property, keep the text that does apply to your property and highlight any environmental, wildlife, conservation, community outreach or other programs that your facility takes part in. The base BMP document has 12 sections in it and within each section there are sub-sections as well. Just tackle one section at a time and move it to the completed section. Then next week take on another chapter until all the sections are done. This is the most sensible way to build your manual, one brick at a time.

You may find it a bit daunting at first, but once you get a feel for using the BMP tool you will get faster at putting the chap-

ters together. There are several self help documents on the gcsaa.org website to help get started on your facility BMP. Feel free to reach out for help from any of the field staff members or Mark Johnson and Emily Fuger at GCSAA. We are all happy to help and we've had our hands all over the BMP tool over the past few years.

This is a very important program to move forward and I hope that all of our members can get their facility manual done in the next few months. The hardest part is getting started, and this is for most of us, the best time of the year to get it done. So don't hesitate. Let's get started!



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Still Time to Tame *Poa annua* This Winter

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Poa annua is a problematic weed on Southeastern courses, so it's important to capitalize on opportunities for control while bermudagrass is dormant.

After a warm December, January and February have felt more like winter in the Southeast, with multiple nights of below-average low temperatures. With the cold weather, golf courses in parts of the region are experiencing frost delays and bermudagrass putting greens have been covered on some nights. Frozen ground and low temperatures may present challenges in getting the course open for play, but they also provide opportunities for weed control, including applying nonselective herbicides for *Poa annua* control in dormant, non-overseeded bermudagrass.

There are many challenges associated with *Poa annua* control in bermudagrass, including herbicide resistance. Nonselective herbicides are a way to rotate modes of action and help prevent the onset of resistance. Depending on your location, February can be an ideal time to make these applications. When bermudagrass is fully dormant, nonselective herbicides – including glyphosate – can safely

be used to control *Poa annua* and other winter weeds. The ideal time to make applications are days when air temperatures are above 60 degrees Fahrenheit, and after the bermudagrass is fully dormant. If one of these days presents itself, make sure to take advantage of the opportunity.

Keys to success

- Nonselective herbicides are just one tool for *Poa annua* control. Remain diligent with preemergence herbicides and cultural management programs to promote bermudagrass over *Poa annua*. There is confirmed resistance to glyphosate in some *Poa annua* populations, so it may not be a viable option at your golf course. If you suspect this is a problem, screen plants for herbicide resistance and, if confirmed, select alternative products.

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- Make applications with a calibrated boom sprayer at 30 gallons per acre, or less, to keep glyphosate from penetrating deep into the bermudagrass canopy where living green stems may be present.
- Use a foam indicator, tracker dye or GPS-guided sprayer to ensure application accuracy.
- Use care when making applications around sensitive cool-season grasses like creeping bentgrass putting greens. Consider leaving a buffer strip near cool-season turf and using a safer product there, such as amicarbazone.
- Spray when air temperatures are above 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Research by Dr. Fred Yelverton of North Carolina State University has shown that glyphosate efficacy increases as air temperature increases. Days at or above 70 degrees Fahrenheit improve herbicide uptake by *Poa annua*.
- Apply glyphosate to *Poa annua* in dormant bermudagrass at 0.5 pound of active ingredient per acre. There are many trade names for products containing glyphosate, with various percentages of active ingredient, so confirm the glyphosate concentration in your preferred product before making application rate decisions.
- Make applications uniformly across the entire bermudagrass surface. You do not want to skip an area and miss small *Poa annua* plants that cannot easily be seen, or overlap an area and cause a delay in bermudagrass greenup.
- Glyphosate applications should be combined with a preemergence herbicide to extend *Poa an-*

nua control and for early control of summer weeds. Combining pre and postemergence control strategies, rotating modes of action and using correct rates can reduce the risk of developing herbicide resistance.

Take every opportunity available to control *Poa annua*.

This weed is a legitimate concern at many courses in the Southeast, so don't miss an opportunity to control it on dry, warm winter days after the bermudagrass is dormant.

If you would like to learn more about *Poa annua* control, please join the USGA and CGCSA for the Southeast Education Conference on March 14-15 at North Carolina State University. In addition to weed control, Dr. Yelverton and others will be providing insights into agronomic and labor issues along with many other challenges impacting courses in the Southeast.

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Highland Park Night Golf Tournament Shifts to October in 2021



Because of two consecutive rainouts in March and April the popular Night Golf Tournament had to be played in October of 2021. The weather was great in October at Highland Park, but this event will move back to it's normal schedule in 2022 and we hope you can join us there!

Winning team pictured above was Casey Cleghorn, Harris Richie, Wesley Pate and Robbie Duncan from Jerry Pate Turf and Irrigation. Second place team at right were Trey Cutshall, Hunter Salts, Jason Whitecliffe and L. J. Robinson. (L.J. not pictured)

Thanks so much to everyone who came out and supported this event and special thanks to Evan Godfrey and Courtney Smith of Highland Park!





Highlights from GCSAA's Annual Meeting



Kevin Breen ascends to GCSAA presidency in absentia, Steven Hammon joins board, and annual dues adjustment approved at annual meeting.

Though still recovering from an eye surgery that kept him from traveling to San Diego for GCSAA's Conference and Trade Show, GCSAA's new president has a clear vision for how he thinks the association — and the people who lead it — should move forward.

Kevin P. Breen, CGCS, was officially elected GCSAA's 86th president during the Annual Meeting on Thursday at the San Diego Convention Center. Addressing the assembled directors, past presidents and voting delegates on big screens via video conference, Breen regularly referred to "community" as the common thread that runs through all the association stands for and as its navigational North Star.

"The most important aspect is community," said Breen, director of greens and grounds at La Rinconada Country Club in Los Gatos, Calif., since 2020 and a 31-year association member. "And if we don't adapt, our association will lose its relevance."

Breen ascended from vice presidency (virtually, at least), receiving the baton from now-immediate past president Mark F. Jordan, CGCS, a 35-year GCSAA member. Breen's election was largely ceremonial, as was the election of Kevin P. Sunderman, CGCS, as 2022 vice president. Previously secretary/treasurer, Sunderman — superintendent at Isla Del Sol Yacht & Country Club in Saint Petersburg, Fla., and a 21-year association member — ran for VP unchallenged.

The vacated secretary/treasurer post *was* contested. Jeff L. White, CGCS, director of agronomy at Indian Hills Country Club in Mission Hills, Kan., and a 30-year association member, edged out T.A. Barker, CGCS, superintendent at Fore Lakes Golf Course in Salt Lake City and a 28-year member, for that position.

That left three open positions on the national board of directors. In that voting, Doug D. Dykstra, CGCS, superintendent at White Mountain Country Club in Pinetop, Ariz., and a 29-year GCSAA member, and Marc E. Weston, CGCS, superintendent at Indian Hill Country Club in Newington, Conn., and a 23-year member, were reelected to two-year board terms.

Steven J. Hammon, GCSAA Class A superintendent at Traverse City (Mich.) Country Club and a 33-year association member, was voted onto the board for a one-year term.

In the only other matter that required voting, delegates overwhelmingly approved an association dues adjustment. Class A and B annual dues were adjusted from \$400 to \$430, and Class C dues were adjusted from \$205 to \$220.

Thank you to Neal Wisdom, Superintendent at Pine Tree Country Club for serving as the Alabama Chapter Voting Delegate this year!

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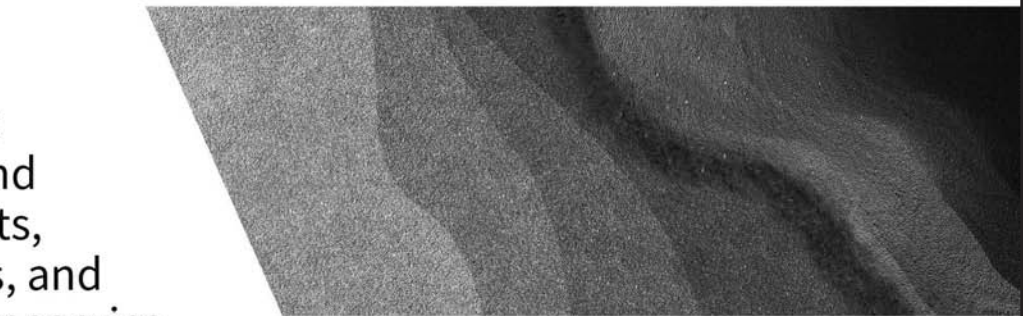
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April 12

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Wynlakes Country Club,

April 20

Auburn Turfgrass Research Day

May 2

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Inverness Country Club

May 9 – 15

Regions Golf Classic, Greystone Golf & Country

Club

June 23

Birmingham Barons Family Outing,

July TBA

Montgomery Biscuits Family Outing

October 24-27

Deep South Turf Expo @ Mississippi Coast Con-

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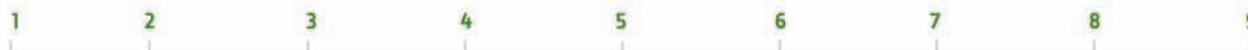
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