

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 11, 2016 S&R Tournament Kansas City Country Club

August 1, 2016
Employee Tournament
Sunflower Hills Golf Course

August 25, 2016
Fall Classic (Honoring Past Presidents)
T-Bones Ball Field

September 22, 2016 Vendor Appreciation Twin Peaks - Olathe

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S&R Tournament



The Kansas City Country Club

July 11, 2016

Schedule: 9:00 a.m. - Registration 10:30 a.m. - Shotgun 3:30 p.m. - Awards

Loren Breedlove Host Superintendent

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President's Message

s the weather begins to heat up so does everyone's schedules. Maintenance teams are in full force with the combination of newly employed "seasonals" that need to be trained and taught the intricacies of golf course maintenance along with some wile veterans that may know a little too much that have returned from college for yet another year of living the golf course dream. Our great task is to bring these different personalities together to form a "Team" that will operate in a proficient and effective manner that provides a quality product under extreme circumstances and budget restraints. That's why we need to not forget to explain and demonstrate the passion we all have for our jobs and the great industry that we work in.

With that said, I would like to thank everyone that took time out of their busy schedules



Duane Sander, CGCSShoal Creek Golf Course

to attend Heart Association functions this last month. As I'm writing this, we just finished the 3rd annual Wee One Tournament hosted by Tiffany Greens Golf Club. It was a spectacular day with a good time had by all. Again, over \$10,000 was raised to help Superintendents and their families that are struggling with major medical hardships. Without a lot of help from a lot of different people this event would not be possible. A special thanks goes to John O'Leary and John Deere/Van Wall, Scott Wilcox and Reindeers for being on the committee as well as Title Sponsors. I would also like to thank our Golf Sponsors: Bayer, Sygenta and Supreme Turf Products. Without financial contributions from our sponsors and attendees, this event would not be possible.

Coming up is our 32nd annual Scholarship and Research Tournament being held at Kansas City Country Club on July 11th. This event is sure to fill up fast so get your team in now as well as items for the auction. Golf clubs, memorabilia, rounds of golf, etc., and Vendors, if you have any product that you are wanting to unload these are always hot items. The money generated will provide scholarships to young aspiring superintendents and turfgrass research money to our local universities. It is very much appreciated. Thank you and as always you can reach me at dsander@kempersports.com or 816-695-5908 if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely, HAGCSA President **Duane Sander, CGCS**



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Rounds4Research Committee Report By Chris Benisch, Director

Another successful auction has come and gone for the Rounds4Research program. Collectively, the program was able to raise nearly \$165,000. Overall, there was a 13 percent increase in the number of rounds donated, a 31 percent increase in total dollars raised and a 45 percent increase in the number of registered bidders compared to 2015. With this being said, the program has great momentum going into 2017.



As for the HAGCSA, we will be receiving a check for \$3,956, a little more than I anticipated in my last article as the final numbers have come in. We hope that all of our participating facilities from 2016 will be a part of this great program again in 2017. If you weren't able to participate this year, please consider being a part of this important event next year. Again, all money that comes back to our association from this auction will be distributed to nearby universities for turf research or used to put on events HAGCSA provides for its members.

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Superintendent: Loren Breedlove

Loren graduated from Kansas State University in 1979. He has been with KCCC for 37 years, golf course Superintendent the past 32. He is a past president of the HAGCSA - 1991 and currently serves on the S&R Committee. Loren has been married for 34 years to his wife, Barbie.

Assistant Superintendents:

Grant Suderman - Grant graduated from Kansas State University in 2012. He has been with the KCCC for six years, Assistant Superintendent for the past five. He is currently serving as Chairman of the HAGCSA Employee Tournament & Assistant Program committee.

Mitch Bradbury - Mitch graduated from Kansas University in 2001 and from Kansas State in 2007. He was Assistant Superintendent with Overland Park GC for 9 years and has been with KCCC since February 2016. Mitch is a past chairman of HAGCSA Assistant Program and Membership committees and has served on the Rounds4Research and S&R committees. He has been married for 4 years to wife Julia and has a son, Sullivan.

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S&R Tournament - cont.

Assistants in Training:

Aaron Stansbury - Aaron graduated from Kansas State University in December 2015. He worked at KCCC as a student intern in golf management during the 2013 summer before joining staff in January 2016.

Logan Slattery - Logan graduated from Kansas State University in May 2016. He has worked at KCCC the past four summers and was a student intern in 2015 before joining full time in May 2016.

Rounds4Research - cont.

I want to thank all of our participating facilities again from 2016:

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Superintendent and Assistants at Kansas City CC



Education Committee Report

By Ethan Shamet, Director

ark your calendar for December 12-13 for the Common Ground Education Conference. After all the good feedback we have decided to stay at the new location in Olathe at the Olathe Convention Center. The entire hotel, restaurant and rooftop bar will be completely finished.

In February we had a small vendor forum to discuss pros and cons of the conference of years past. After discussion we have decided to move the vendors to the lunch area and breaks will be in the same place. This will insure more room to navigate and speak to vendors. Plus a Bingo card will be used to win prizes for stopping by certain

breaks. Vendors now will get two days to showcase their booth instead of one, with the price staying the same as it was for one day.

The committee is still in process of getting speakers and the topics being discussed are going to benefit all. We will have another round table to discuss labor tracking and certain

gadgets and quirks superintendents use throughout the year. If anyone has any ideas feel free to email me at eshamet@yahoo.com.



Scholarship and Research Committee Report

By Matthew Delventhal, Director

nce again we are hosting the 32nd annual Scholarship and Research tournament at The Kansas City Country Club on July 11th 2016. We are getting great support from our members and vendors. We are currently full with all of our beverage sponsors and of course our Title Sponsor, Kansas City Turf Supply. Thank you Greg King and Gary Breshears!



Vendors or players: we still have plenty of tee/green sponsorships available and we are also looking for some unique items for our annual live auction hosted this year by Tanna Guthrie. Also, if you haven't done so yet, please sign your team up for this great tournament hosted by Kansas City Country Club. Let's raise a lot of money for Scholarships and Research and, as always, let's have a great time doing it!



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What is Your Hobby?

By Brent Stephenson, Director

e all take our jobs seriously. We strive to be the best employees we can be. I am a Superintendent and I take my job very seriously. I work hard each day to be a successful and respected Superintendent. Many successful people emphasize the importance of being involved in something that we can use to relax and enjoy doing. These hobbies can help keep us sharp at work and in our personal lives.



I have a few things that I like to do in my free time. I like to spend time with my wife Angie, Carman 16, and Andrew 14. Our children are very active in school activities and sports so we are busy keeping up with them.

Scuba Diving

The one personal hobby that I love is Scuba Diving. Those of you that know me see that I like to jump on an airplane to the Caribbean whenever I get a few days of cold Missouri winter weather behind me. Some friends introduced me to Scuba diving a few years ago and I have been crazy about it since my first dive. I am a certified scuba diver with an Advanced Open Water and Nitrox Certification from PADI. PADI is the Professional Association of Dive Instructors. PADI ensures all participants are safe and qualified to dive.



Andrew and I near Isla Mujeres Mexico on his certification dives.

I see many similarities between golf and Scuba diving. Any time I meet a scuba diver we can talk for hours about our common interest in Scuba diving.



10 foot bull shark taken with my camera in Playa Del Carmen 80 feet below the surface.

I introduced my son to scuba diving recently and he is now certified. I was able to walk with him through his certification and it was a great experience that I will always remember fondly.

Scuba Certification is a process that involves a few evenings of written class time learning about dive theory and safety. Next you are introduced to diving gear and you get in a pool to learn the fundamentals of safe scuba diving. This involves a few evenings in a local training pool with a certified scuba instructor. The next step is a few days of open water check out dives that show your proficiency in safe scuba diving technique. Now you are certified and you can scuba dive all over the world.

The most exciting dive I have done so far was in Playa Del Carmen Mexico where we dove with Bull Sharks with no cages or protection. Another dive in Cozumel Mexico I came within 15 feet of a large spotted eagle ray over a beautiful coral reef. I can't wait for the next adventure. I have spoken to a few HAGCSA Members that are scuba divers. To all scuba divers, I always like swapping stories so please share your scuba diving stories with me the next time we are together.





The U.S. Open

A conversation with John Zimmers, Oakmont Golf Course, Superintendent

Oakmont Country Club located in Oakmont, Pennsylvania will host the 2016 U.S. Open June 13-19th. I had the opportunity to talk with John Zimmers, Golf Course Superintendent at Oakmont to learn about his career path in the industry and the 2016 U.S. Open.

John Zimmers was born in Tyrone, Pennsylvania and spent most of his childhood growing up in Tyrone and Sinking Valley in Central Pennsylvania. Upon graduating from Tyrone Area High School, his first job was with Wertz Landscaping in Sinking Valley. He later started working under the guidance of famed Superintendent Paul R. Latshaw at Wilmington Country Club in Wilmington, DE where he developed an interest in the turf management profession. He spent several years at Wilmington CC completing various renovations on the course. During that time he also managed to get his Turf Management Degree from Rutgers University, NJ and graduated in 1993.

After graduating he joined Mr. Latshaw at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, MD as his Assistant Golf Course Superintendent. While working there he supervised several major renovation projects in preparation to host the 1995 Senior Open and 1997 U.S. Open. This led John to his next opportunity in 1995 when he accepted the position of Owner Representative/Superintendent for construction of a new golf course to be named Sand Ridge G.C in Chardon, OH. At the time of completion, Sand Ridge G.C. was recognized by Golf Digest as the Best New Conditioned Golf Course in America and was ranked #52 in the Top 100 rating. Sand Ridge G.C. was the first course in Ohio, and only the 10th worldwide, to receive the prestigious status of becoming an Audubon International Signature Series Sanctuary designated course.

In the fall of 1999 he joined the team at Oakmont Country Club as the Golf Course Superintendent. Oakmont C.C. is world renowned for being the site of 18 major championships. Oakmont C.C. is rich in tradition and history. It was founded in 1903 by Mr. Henry C. Fownes and is recognized today as a National Historic Landmark. Oakmont C.C. is currently ranked 6th in the nation by Golf Digest Magazine. Over the past several years, he has managed a major construction project to restore Oakmont to its original Fownes' design. The restoration work included the removal of over 15,000 trees, rebuilding of bunkers, installation of a new irrigation system, implementation of internal/subsurface drainage to all the original putting greens, all while meeting all the necessary USGA requirement to host national championships.

Some additional Q/A with John Zimmers regarding Oakmont and the U.S. Open.

AK: Number of years at Oakmont CC JZ: 17 years from (1999-2016)

AK: What made you want to become a Golf Course Superintendent?

JZ: I really enjoy working outdoors and I love sports. I started in the landscape business then moved into turf.



AK: How many PGA Tournaments have you been involved in, most memorable and why?

JZ: I have hosted/worked/volunteered approximately 28-30 USGA Championships/PGA event. My most memorable was hosting my first US Open in 2007. It was my first major championship and having all the responsibilities made it very special, even for my wife, family, friends, and staff.

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~ ATTENDANCE CONTEST ~

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- Platinum Prize HAGCSA Logo Yeti 45 cooler (valued at \$450)
- Gold Prize GO PRO Hero camera (valued at \$150)
- ➤ Silver Prize HAGCSA Logo Yeti Coffee Cup (valued at \$50) Total value of prizes is estimated at \$600.00.

There will be a sign-in sheet at the registration table that must be signed to prove registration and attendance at each event. The Tournament and Meetings/Programs Committee will be responsible for keeping records of attendees that are eligible for the award. The HAGCSA board of directors will attest the eligible candidates prior to the drawing at the New Year Party. The eligible HAGCSA Members will be drawn from a hat at the New Year Party. The first person drawn will win the platinum prize, the second person drawn will win the gold prize, and the third person drawn will win the silver prize.

This award will be presented January 13th at the Annual HAGCSA New Year Party.

QUALIFYING EVENTS

- Feb 23 Bowling Event at College Lanes
- March 8 Shop Talk at Deer Creek Golf Club
- > May 4 Wee One at Tiffany Greens Golf Club
- May 16 Footprints in Fairways at Ironhorse Golf Club
- May 23 Joint meeting at Falcon Ridge Golf Club
- > July 11 S&R Tournament at Kansas City Country Club
- August 25 Past Presidents/Fall Classic Event at the T-Bones
- > September 15 Vendor Appreciation at Twin Peaks in Olathe.
- November 2 Annual Meeting
- December 12 & 13 Common Ground at Olathe Conference Center
- January 13 New Year Party



The U.S. Open - continued

AK: Type of grass on the course?

JZ: Greens - Perennial Poa annua

Tees - Bent/Poa

Fairways - Bent/Poa

Rough - Bluegrass/Rye/Poa

There are approx. 80 acres of Fine Fescue as well
throughout the course.

AK: Number of bunkers?

JZ: OCC has 210 bunkers - approx. 6000 tons of sand. (Church pews have 550 tons of sand and are approx. 1/2 acre in size.

AK: Are greens pushup or sand based?

JZ: OCC's greens are originally clay based push-up. There has been so much work done to them to modify them to drain better. (Aerification, XGD Drainage, etc.)

AK: Any major changes to the course for this year's tournament? JZ: Very little changes have been made to the course from a playability standpoint from 2007. #12 cross-bunker was adjusted to make more penal. #6 green was expanded for more hole locations. Some additional trees were removed - a total of 15,000 trees have been removed to restore the links look to Mr. Fownes original design features

AK: Do you have a mentor or mentors in the industry, if so who and what have they taught you that you still use to this day? JZ: Mr. Paul R. Latshaw is my mentor in the business. He taught me about the business and what it takes to prepare and host championships, along with many other things. I also have a very close network of friends in the profession that I keep in touch with on a regular basis including Paul B. Latshaw, Dick Bator, Matt Shaffer, Jeff Corcoran, Jim Roney, Russ Myers, Doug Drugo, and many others. All of us share info and our experiences with each other. Having a close network with mentors and friends is key in this profession. I am also very proud of the relationship I have with Mike Davis and his entire USGA team.

AK: What is your typical staffing like, assistants/interns etc. during the season... how many volunteers do you expect for the tournament?

JZ: I am blessed to have a great staff. I put a great deal of time into recruiting top individuals from around the country/world. You are only as good as the people you have working with you. I am very proud of the fact that I have helped to place over 25 superintendents whom I have mentored over the years. My staff includes 1 office manager, 1 superintendent/project manager, 1 main assistant, 8-10 turf interns from all over the country, 3 international turf students, 2-3 mechanics/technicians, 15 turf

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US Open - cont.

grads, 8 seasonal laborers, and my title is golf course superintendent/director of grounds. There will be approx. 100-150 volunteers for the Open.

AK: What is a typical day like for you?

JZ: Oakmont is a very busy facility. The membership loves their golf. They are always trying to improve their facilities to ensure it is a world

class golf experience. Therefore, I work many hours a day and many times 7 days a week. This job is not for everyone, however I really enjoy trying to make a difference and finding ways to make improvements to the course daily.

AK: If you weren't a Golf Course Superintendent what other profession do you see yourself in? JZ: If not a superintendent, I would have liked to have been a tug boat captain or major league baseball manager.

AK: What is your favorite and least favorite part of your job?

JZ: My favorite thing about this business is that every day there is a new challenge. In this profession you must keep current with all the new trends and therefore I think it makes you a better superintendent from season to season. My least favorite thing about this industry would be the country club politics and the fact that we can't control the weather!



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Scholarship & Research Tournament

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"Organize and generate the financial means to enrich the game of golf through funding regionally based research and scholarship to qualified applicants."

Date: Monday, July 11, 2016

Location: Kansas City Country Club

6200 Indian Lane

Shawnee Mission, KS 66208

Host Superintendent: Loren Breedlove

Schedule: 9:00am - Registration

10:30am - Shotgun On the Course - Lunch

3:30pm - Live Auction & Food/Beverages

Format: Four-person scramble

Cost: \$750 per team; \$200 per single *Encouraged to sign-up as a team.*

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July 11, 2016 at Kansas City Country Club

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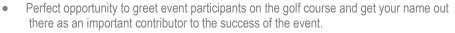


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- Firm's name recognition on the main banner at registration table with other participating sponsors.
- Verbal recognition for your company.
- Recognition in Heartbeat publication.

Beverage Stations - \$500 (6-TAKEN; 0-AVAILABLE)

Sponsorship of one of the four on course beverage stations that are positioned around the golf course





- Name recognition on the main banner at registration table with other participating sponsors.
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☐ Tee/Green Sponsorships - \$300 (UNLIMITED AVAILABLE)

- Affords your company to be recognized by each player with signage posted prominently on an assigned tee box.
- Company name will be displayed with other important affiliate partners on the main banner located at registration table.
- Recognition in Heartbeat publication.

□YES! Count us in to Support HAGCSA Scholarship & Research Efforts!					
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☐ Check Enclosed ☐ Invoice (*)

(*)By indicating you wish to be invoiced, you agree to pay total invoice upon receipt. Invoices will be sent electronically when an email is provided.

RETURN COMPLETED FORM BY Monday, June 27, 2016

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S & R Auction Donation Form

Monday, July 11, 2016 Kansas City Country Club – Shawnee Mission, Kansas



The S &R Golf Tournament and Auction was developed to fund scholarships for turfgrass students, assist members' employees with continuing education expenses and support turfgrass research. Please help us provide this assistance, and to make a greater impact on the lives of those who will be the future of our industry.

The HAGCSA S & R Committee will again sponsor our annual fund raising auction to be held during the S & R Tournament at Kansas City Country Club. It's a fun opportunity to give something to your industry partners, or share a personal treasure with your friends in your industry. Donate an item that you think will draw some interest from among the HAGCSA members. Ideas include equipment, autographed memorabilia, artwork, vintage wines, golf clubs, electronics . . .you name it! The more unique, the more it could bring in for the S & R program. Last year we raised \$10,000 and we hope to beat that record in 2016. Please help us to accomplish that goal!

Please join the efforts to raise money for the S & R program by completing the form below and returning it to the Association office on or before **Monday**, **June 27**, **2016**:

We **Thank You** in advance for your support!

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Your donation(s) will be listed to the members program. Please provide the following informations.	ship prior to the event and listed on the auction ation to help promote the live auction:
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***You will be responsible for bringing the item(s) to the Association Office by Monday, June 27, 2016, or providing a certificate and appropriate picture representing the donated item(s).

If you have any questions regarding the auction process or event, please feel free to contact Kim Weitzel at the Association Office: 816-561-5323.

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